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MOVING FORWARD WITH SISTER KAREN

By Lisa Cruz

The arrival of the new school year brought also a new president to Mount St. Mary's College. Sister Karen Kennelly, succeeds Sister Magdalen Coughlin as president of the college. Here she shares with us her thoughts about both MSMC and the upcoming year.

"Coming here as president poses many challenges and obstacles," states Sister Karen. "However, what makes everything worthwhile is the feeling that there is really an education to offer and that students are coming together."

Sister Karen expresses much interest in the continued integration of the Chalon and Doheny campuses. Although she would like to see the two campuses more united, she realizes and respects the individuality of each campus. She has no intention of infringing on the richness that each campus has to offer.

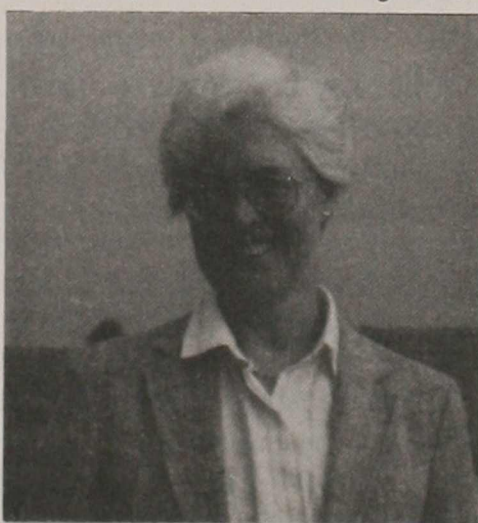
Integration is just one aspect of the college that

Sister Karen will be working to improve upon this year. She also will be, "assessing faculty development opportunities, reviewing goals for salary improvement, and will be seeking assistance in formulating short- and long-term plans to

improve library holdings and facilities."

Perhaps one reason Sister Karen is determined to make a change is because she believes in the Mount and what it has to offer. "Community colleges do a wonderful job in serving thousands of people and I do not want to detract from the work that they do, but they don't have the atmosphere and the opportunity that we have," expresses Sister Karen. "The college is here specifically for the purpose of helping a student to realize, to the fullest possible extent, the potential that she has. I put it in terms of a dream. I believe our potential will not be reached until we somehow come in touch with that dream."

So far Sister Karen has enjoyed meeting and talking to students, and looks forward to working with them in the future. "We are carrying a proud tradition



MSMC Becomes Water Tight

By Mary Hodges

Mount St. Mary's made a switch this summer to water-saving shower heads and toilets. This change is part of the city's campaign to conserve water.

The toilets use 30% less water than before and the new shower heads save from 64-73%. Even with the acclamations from some residents that they must take longer showers to make up for less water coming out of the shower head, the school saves a tremendous amount of water in comparison with past years.

Most Californians are becoming more aware of the issue of water conservation, but the drain on present water supplies is still great. Gov. Deukmejian recently signed legislation enabling the city of Los Angeles to develop alternative water sources to replace the supply from Mono Lake.

Until now, this lake in the Sierra Nevada supplied 15% of L.A.'s water. As a result, the level of the lake fell dangerously low and threatened to upset the balance of the ecological system of the area. Not only has California lost this source of water, but it has also lost all rights to the Colorado River, as that water source was awarded to Arizona by an earlier Superior Court decision.

L.A.'s Department of Water and Power expects to replace the lost water by conservation, reclamation, and by enlarging existing reservoirs to catch more rain water. The campaign to conserve water is underway as the city passes out free low-flow shower heads and toilet tank displacement bags to residents in L.A. The Metropolitan Water District (MWD), which supplies L.A. with 25% of its water, contributed to the conservation campaign this summer through billboard, television, and radio advertising.

The recent MWD campaign targeted inefficient water use and concentrated largely on increasing efficiency in the agricultural sector. The campaign also focused on the attitudinal changes of L.A. residents to help stop waste, in addition to providing pamphlets containing specific suggestions on how to be more water tight. MWD will resume its campaign in May of 1990, since the demand for water, which is low during the winter, is expected to increase as the summer months draw near.

when we strive to make a quality education marked by spiritual values accessible to women from all walks of life. I look forward to working with you as we bring the college forward into the future."

MSMC KEPT "GROOVY"

by Wendy Nobles

The Social Committee has started its new year with a bundle of new ideas. Its first venture, the "Relive Woodstock" Dance, held on September 30th, was a success. Presently, Monica Herman and Claudia Guerrero, the chairs of this year's committee, are coming up with more fun ideas to cover their one event per month quota. The committee has many new faces and



ideas this year, but they are looking for more input from students, especially commuters.



Monica and Claudia hope that students will come to them with ideas about events and about how to carry out some of the events planned, such as possible bands they may want to hear. "We don't want to come up with all the ideas and just have the committee carry out the work," states Claudia.

'Social' is defined in the dictionary as "living together in communities or groups; Marked by or promoting friendly social relations, social gatherings," Monica says "My goal as social co-chair is to provide social gatherings that will promote MSMC coming together to live as one."

One of the events this semester to look forward to is a possible tour of movie studios this semester. Next semester look forward to hearing the dilemma of a lady named Sadie.

If you would like to be a part of the MSMC social committee, please contact Claudia Guerrero or Monica Herman for more information.

Talking About Talking, a

powerful play about racism, sexism, antisemitism, homophobia and prejudice, will be performed in the Lecture Hall on the Doheny campus on Friday, Nov. 10th at 7:30.

The play is free to the Mount community and their guests. There will be a free shuttle from Chalon. The shuttle sign-up sheet is placed on The View office door. For more information, contact Karen Wolman at Doheny, ext. 2259 or at Chalon, ext. 3291.

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Introducing... MELU

by Veronica Rodriguez

Movimiento Estudiantil de Latinas Unidas (MELU) had their first nacho sale on October 4, 1989 on the Doheny campus. MELU is the new Hispanic club here at Mount St. Mary's College on the Doheny campus.

The goals of the club, which is an outreach program, are to help people and show them that there are people who care for them in many different ways. Once a month, the club will be selling nachos and donate the proceeds to a needy family in the Doheny area in order to help them.

Another activity

has the club members asking for donations so that they can offer it to a special family. Furthermore, the club will also promote many volunteer programs which are happening outside the campus.

Anyone who is interested in joining the club as a volunteer can fill out an application with Zoila Garcia, President at (213) 748-6833, or talk to one of the officers: Veronica Rodriguez, Vice President; Camelia Garcia, Secretary; Eliza Zabala, Treasurer; and Laura Mendoza, Public Relations.

Catalina Escape

by Hilda Sianez

On the 29th of September, myself and ten other participants of Mount St. Mary's College departed to Catalina Is-

land for a special retreat.

The retreat was an opportunity to escape the everyday struggles we go through, and it also gave us a chance to be in touch with nature and ourselves.

Our journey was one of reflection and enlightenment. We expressed our thoughts and feelings with one another.

As we departed from the island, we felt at ease with ourselves and each other.

The participants and I would like to extend our gratitude to Sr. Anne Davis and Gail Gresser, both campus ministry directors from Mount St. Mary's College!



OFF THE HILL



By Donna Burr and Danise Callahan

NATIONAL



Bread and ...water?

The Justice Department filed lawsuits on October 4th against four major cities for violation of the Clean Water Act. Detroit, Phoenix, San Antonio and El Paso were charged with allowing industrial toxic wastes, including such toxic pollutants as dioxin, cyanide, arsenic, cadmium, and lead, to be discharged into their sewage treatment systems.

The suits have been filed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is seeking to promote water quality. The EPA also wishes to protect wildlife, which is threatened by such mismanagement of hazardous substances. Attorney General Thornburgh and William K. Reilly, both EPA administrators, mention fifty-seven other cities guilty of Clean Water Act violations.

According to Reilly, this lawsuit is "the first phase of an enforcement initiative to draw attention to the problems of inadequate pretreatment programs." The violations can result in fines costing errant local governments as much as \$25,000 a day.

For our female readers...

A judge recently rejected allegations that the State of California is guilty of sex discrimination based upon a wage-and-job classification system established fifty years ago.

The California State Employee Association sought legal action arguing that female-dominated jobs such as teaching, nursing, and clerical work earn less than comparable work done by males. While most observers would agree with this statement, no deliberate discrimination could be proven.

Earthquake hits San Francisco

San Francisco was hit by an earthquake on October 17th that was the biggest since the quake of 1906. Estimated to be near a 7.0 on the Richter scale, it created immense damage and took several lives. A section of the Bay Bridge collapsed as did 1.5 miles of Interstate 880.

Although officials first estimated the death toll to be around 200, it is now believed that under a hundred people have died. Officials rushed to the scene, and volunteers emerged to help in this most tragic disaster.

It is believed that there is a 50/50 chance of a major aftershock occurring within the next two months, so unfortunately it does not look like the tragedy is over quite yet.

INTERNATIONAL



East flees West

A lifelong dream is finally coming true for many East German citizens; they are being given permission to leave the East and go West. It all began in May when Hungary opened its borders to Austria, triggering the beginning of the refugee crisis.

Since then, large numbers of East Germans have been flooding in and seeking refuge in West German embassies in Czechoslovakia and Poland. This action has created tension between East Germany and its other allies. Hungary and Czechoslovakia, afraid of losing support from West Germany, consented by mid-September to open their borders to the refugees.

Talks have been taking place between Prague, Warsaw and the two Germanies, and a tentative agreement was reached by early October; East Germany is allowing the refugees to leave for the West.

Perestroika—Dream or reality?

Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev is heading in a direction few would have predicted. His goal has been to reconstruct his country's society and, at the same time, remove the totalitarian forces of Stalinism and neo-Stalinism. He has stated that he wants to end the Cold War and disarm as quickly as possible to prevent the possibility of war. His plans include cutting Russia's defense budget 50% by 1995 and another 50% within the next ten years.

English Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and West Germany's Helmut Kohl have both expressed their support. Surprisingly, no statement has been issued from the White House.

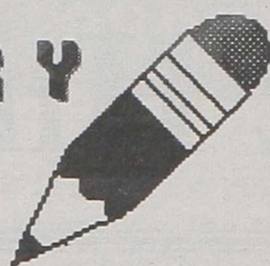
Bush has preferred to remain out of Perestroika until he is assured of its success. Some are criticizing him, calling him "timid", while others are considering him "wise" not to get involved until concrete evidence has been offered by Gorbachev. What do you think?

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Barbed Wires

by Lisa Cruz

As the moon shows its face in darkness
the chills of the night behold
The man, the woman, the decrepit, a child
barbed wire cannot silence the bold

Silence the cry, silence the rage
plunge them into the darkness of doom
Where cries are confined, rage is restrained
in the stench of the haunted room

Wicked Masters stalk the darkness,
the horrors of the night before them unfold
Ruthless, bloodthirsty animals seize their prey
in their attempt to silence the bold.

Have you no mercy, have you no fear
in the reality of Divine Retribution?
You may destroy every fiber of my flesh
but not the fate of your condemnation.

Clenched fists raised in defiance
not bound by the Power of Fear
This senseless madness serves no purpose
consolation: Judgment Day is near

Subjected to your tortuous hands,
to the Power of your Perverted Mind
Agony, Pain, Shock, and Fear
Companions, ha! One of a kind!

Elusive Heroes, I call you arise!
Redeem this bloodthirsty land
The jailers can't fathom the depth of our spirit
Obliterate the Iron Hand!

This is dedicated to Liz Rodriguez:

The loss of a loved one is never easy,
and we know the sadness you must be feeling.
Just know that you don't have to go through this
alone. If you want someone to talk to; we'll be
here to listen. And if you find yourself in need of
help; don't be afraid to ask. And always know that
you have friends who will be there for you.

With our deepest sympathy,
Maria, Josie, Blanca, Carol, Elisa, Mardi, and Julie

We ask that you pray
for the repose of the soul of Liz's mother.

Read This



by Allison Turner

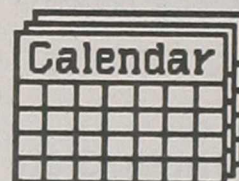
After spending hundreds of dollars on textbooks this semester, wouldn't it be nice if you could get your money's worth and read them all, from cover to cover?

This year the Educational and Industrial Research Institute is offering a class which offers such an opportunity. While increasing your rate anywhere from 1,200 to 5,000 words per minute, the reading class also teaches you how to effectively take tests as well as teaching a form of shorthand for better note-taking.

The class, which will commence as soon as student interest is observed, will cost \$395, with family discounts available. Located on the Chalon campus, it will consist of eight meetings and will be offered with a money-back guarantee. Should you triple your reading speed or increase your rate to only 1,000 words per minute, your money will be refunded.

For more information contact Sister Vandehoe at school or Dan from the Educational and Industrial Research Institute at (213) 559-5700.

Around Town



by Danise Callahan
and Noemi Gilbert

Nov 6 & 7

"The Waterboys"

This Dublin based group is currently promoting their latest album.

Wiltern Theatre, Inc.

Nov 6

June Jordan is presented as part of a poetry/literary series.

L.A. Theatre Center

Nov 7, 14, 19, 28 & Dec 5

Pacific Asian Museum, Pasadena
"Myths and the Human Psyche" is a lecture series covering myths from around the world.

Nov 18

"Yellowjackets"

Jazz concert featuring songs from their latest album, The Spin.

Nov 22-Dec 3

"The Phantom of the Opera" Ahmanson Theatre
This is the original London stage musical by Ken Hill. If you've heard of Andrew Lloyd Weber's version, don't miss his inspiration.

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Out of Africa A True Story

by Margaret Skane

My name is Margaret Skane and I am a resident at the Doherty campus. I was asked to write an article about myself because I am one, among many students, who was not born in the United States; I was born in Uganda, Africa.

I have eight brothers and sisters. One brother was born in New York, four were born in South America, and my three sisters were born in Africa. Both of my parents are American, but after they were married and had their first child, my father was transferred to the Belgian Congo. He worked for a company called Esso, which is very similar to Exxon here in the U.S.

We moved back to the States when I was three years old, so most of what I am telling you are stories I have heard my family tell. The most fascinating story I have ever heard is about the day I was born. I was born on January 23, 1971, a very special day in African history; on this day, Idi Amin, who was once Chief of Staff of the Ugandan Army, was put in com-

mand of all of Africa.

At first, people thought he was going to be a very weak and incompetent ruler, but they later realized how powerful he had become. This power led to the murder and injury of many citizens at Idi Amin's command. My mother said this was a frightening day for her. She said she was resting quietly in her room after giving birth to me when all of a sudden she was told to hide under her bed. There was a very good reason for this; there were bullets flying through the hospital windows and bombs being shot off outside. What a day it must have been!

When my family gets together for special holidays, it is very interesting to hear the exciting stories they tell. My father tells funny stories about camping in the Serengeti Desert. Have you ever had a hippo rub up against your tent or hear lions roaring off in the distance? I don't know about you, but I know I would be scared! My two older sisters tell stories about monkeys who used to stay in

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All for the "American Diet"

by Mary Hodges

When I became a vegetarian, my family thought it was just a phase I was going through; another one of Mary's health food kicks. Only this time I think they fully expected me to adopt some obscure religion, shave my head, and disappear into the wilderness.

The reactions we vegetarians get from meat eaters are as varied as our reasons for becoming vegetarians. Reasons for switching to a vegetarian diet include health, diet, economic, humanitarian, and religious reasons. My reasons for becoming a vegetarian are varied, and though it may have something to do with the appearance of the meat served in the cafeteria, I consider myself a conscientious objector to meat eating in general.

This country consumes entirely too much meat for its own good. The effects of continuing to demand such a great supply of meat could be disastrous to the U.S. and third world countries.

Raising animals for food destroys the topsoil and ground water supplies as well as wild life habitats and ecological balances. One pound of meat produces 100 pounds of manure which pollutes our water. Meat production is the number one polluter in the U.S., greater than all other human activities combined. In addition, 260,000,000 acres of forest land have been cleared to create crop land for a meat centered diet; 56% of American crop land is devoted to meat production.

Other countries also suffer from our meat-eating habit. Countries in Central and South America experience the destruction of their tropical rain forests - for what? The American hamburger. (Africa suffers reduced rainfall because of the loss of rain forests cleared by companies such as Burger King for the "American diet.")

Another problem with meat consumption is that a considerable amount of protein is lost in the conversion from grain to animal flesh. It takes 16 pounds of grain and soybean to produce one pound of beef, 7.5 pounds of protein for one pound of protein as hog flesh, and 5 pounds of protein for one pound of chicken flesh. This food chain (human-animal-grain/grass) deprives humans of the highest quality food sources.

If Americans were to reduce their meat intake,

hundreds of thousands of people could be adequately fed with the grain supply. Of course, feeding people is more a question of politics than actual availability of food, but as the world's human population increases, the problem of meat versus grain production will have to be addressed. In the one acre space that can support the production of 165 pounds of beef, 20,000 pounds of potatoes can be grown. Furthermore, one acre devoted to cereals can produce five times more protein than an acre devoted to meat production; legumes, 10 times; leafy vegetables, 15 times.

It is not only possible to survive on a diet with less meat, it is much healthier. A woman's diet should include no more than 12% of total calories as protein as compared to the 58% as carbohydrate and 30% fats. Protein comes from a variety of sources other than meat, including grains and seeds, legumes, and leafy vegetables. These sources also provide other important nutrients not found in meat. By eating a wide variety of vegetables or by adding dairy products to the diet, adequate protein is easily obtained. The body stores excess protein as fat.

High consumption of meat is also directly related to health problems such as stroke, heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. Frequency of all of these problems is seen to decrease with the introduction of a vegetarian diet. A vegetarian diet has also been scientifically proven to provide a person with greater stamina, strength, and longevity in comparison with a meat eater. There is also the fact that fruits and vegetables are much less expensive than meat products. Many people also have religious objections to eating animal flesh.

Even without all these facts, I know that I feel better having become a vegetarian. I know I am eating more healthy foods now than I ever have before; I have more energy and I've lost weight. And although my eating habits alone may have little effect on the food production system in America, if we all cut some of the meat out of our diets we'd not only be healthier, but in the long run, there might be a lot more food to go around.

For more information on vegetarianism and vegetarian meals, check out *Diet For a Small Planet* by Frances Moore Lappe, or *Diet For a New America* by John Robbins.

OFF THE HILL

By Donna Burr and Danise Callahan

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STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER?

The Flag Protection Act of 1989 has already been challenged by protesters at the nation's capitol. Three men, including a Viet Nam veteran, were arrested on charges of desecrating the U.S. flag less than a week after passage of the new statute.

A fourth demonstrator, Gregory Johnson, was not charged. Johnson's burning of the American flag at the 1984 Republican National Convention led to the Supreme Court ruling that such an action was considered symbolic expression and was protected under the First Amendment. The accused face penalties of up to three years in jail and a \$1000 fine; however, this is guaranteed to be a lengthy and well-documented trial. Any bids on the movie rights?

GOV'T REPORT ON GAYS IN MILITARY

The Pentagon recently received a report, drafted by a military research center, that suggested an end to the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces. The research team, based in Monterey, California, was assigned the task of determining security risks, if any, posed by homosexuals. However, the team expanded the topic and drafted the report titled, "Nonconforming Sexual Orientations and Military Suitability."

Internal correspondence in Washington regards the study's findings as "...biased, flawed, offensive, and wasteful of government resources" (NY Times). The policy of excluding homosexuals has long been defended by the Pentagon, which sees such a preference as an undermining force regarding discipline in the ranks. Several pending lawsuits challenge this controversial situation and may gain strength from such favorable reports emanating from the Defense Department's own Personnel Security Research and Education Center. "Education" seems to be the key word.

STUDENT FOUND GUILTY

In a Virginia court, a 16-year-old pleaded guilty to one count of murder, three counts of attempted murder, one count of malicious wounding, and nine other firearms violations. The young man is awaiting sentencing for his fatal shooting of a teacher and the wounding of an assistant principal.

The gun apparently jammed as he aimed to fire upon another student, thus ending the slaughter. The presiding circuit judge has yet to determine whether Nicholas Elliot will be sentenced as a juvenile or as an adult. The tragic incident took place at Atlantic Shores Christian School fifteen days before Christmas, 1988.

PRE-SUMMIT MEETING

President Bush and Russian President Mikhail S. Gorbachev have scheduled a meeting in December. This comes as a surprise to most people who have criticized Bush for showing no support towards Gorbachev's plan for democracy...Perestroika. The meeting is scheduled to take place December 2nd and 3rd aboard U.S. and Soviet naval ships in the Mediterranean, in preparation for next year's arms control summit.

This December meeting will be the first between the two leaders since Bush took office. They are expected to discuss a wide range of topics, but as of yet it is still speculation as to the actual subjects. Some think topics will range from the friction in Afghanistan to discussion on long-range nuclear weapons.

TWO DISASTERS LINKED TOGETHER

A Palestinian group has been linked to the French plane crash. On September 19th a French airliner exploded over the desert in Niger. Specialists in Paris' central police laboratory, who were working with fragments of a suitcase found in the wreckage, have made an important discovery. The bomb that caused this disaster is similar to a terrorist bomb that exploded in Paris in February 1985, believed to have been built by Palestinian Abu Ibrahim. French papers carried this news, however the Paris police refused to comment on it.

Many experts believe that the bomb involved with the December 1988 explosion of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, and the other two bombs were produced by the same people. They do not believe that it was Abu Ibrahim himself because he is in exile, but they could have been made by one of his pupils. The only logical assumption that can be made, due to the French investigators' work, is that although the bombing clearly points away from certain groups, it does not point to a specific person.

CRY FREEDOM...IS IT FINALLY BEING HEARD???

Several members of the ANC (African National Congress) have, after almost a quarter of a century, been released from prison due to the efforts of Nelson R. Mandela. Mandela is the 71-year-old leader of the outlawed African National Congress. This organization was banned by the government of South Africa in 1960.

Mandela was tried for treason and sabotage in 1963 and has been in jail ever since. He has been trying since 1963 to have his colleagues released and also to have the ANC accepted as an important part of South Africa's future. The government refuses to talk to the ANC leaders until the guerrilla group renounces violence. The group is now planning to address a rally and has the approval of the government. The freed men seem to be stressing the need for "order and discipline".

Africa, cont.

a tree right outside their bedroom window. They said the monkeys made a terrible racket.

From what I've heard, the people are as interesting as the animals. Many of the African women didn't wear shirts back then; they felt very natural going topless.

There are many, many other things I could tell you about myself and about Africa, but I don't want to ramble on. One day I would love to go back and visit the continent where I was born—I seemed to have missed so much because I was so young.

Problem Student?

by Wendy Nobles

When Tim Moore, (name changed) a seemingly intelligent young man, started struggling in school, his parents and teachers thought his problem was merely laziness. They constantly yelled at him, saying that if he didn't work harder they would kick him out of the exclusive prep school he was enrolled in. Tim, on the other hand, thought he was really stupid. Unfortunately, Tim is not alone; he is among many other students struggling their way through school with undiagnosed learning disabilities.

Everyone has heard about LD's (learning disabilities) such as dyslexia and slow learners. Many people, including parents and teachers, don't know that there are many other forms of LD's, in addition to the common reversal of letters (dyslexia).

Dyslexia is a term used interchangeably with "learning disability," which means specifically any type of problem with language, whether speaking, listening, reasoning, understanding, writing, reading, spelling, or even arithmetic.

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Disabilities, cont.

(which is considered a type of language). Children or adults with LD's have trouble processing information they read or hear into their long or short term memories, or communicating what they know in written or spoken words.

All learning disabilities are physiological. The dyslexic brain, for example, is different from the non-dyslexic because the right hemisphere is larger than the left hemisphere. Researchers think that during the second trimester of pregnancy, cells that should migrate from the right hemisphere to the language centers in the left side don't get there; instead they end up in the frontal lobe where the cells don't mature. Often LD's can be inherited; occurring four out of five

times more in boys than in girls.

Many people have misconceived notions about LD's. More often than not, learning disabled students have been perceived as "problem" students in special classes. Because parents and teachers don't always know the signs to look for, many remain undiagnosed. Problems in processing language usually surface before children start school.

Early motor development may be slow or uneven. Children may be incapable of remembering simple nursery rhymes, or become confused when given simple direction.

Children who mispronounce words like "psgetti" may not understand the order of letter sounds or which sound accompanies

which letter. They may not be able to learn sight recognition, write letters without reversing them, or even distinguish between P, B, or D. Learning disabled students may do well in their classes by doing all of their homework, but have trouble with tests.

These students can be diagnosed with special testing, the biggest problem with this being finding the facilities to get help. Most high schools have a learning disability specialist, but not all colleges have the same. Most colleges have state required quotas to fill in admitting learning disabled students, yet have no support systems for them when they get there. Once the students get the help they need, they can learn to achieve higher academic goals.

MSMC at NACA: Sacramento Weekend

by Lisa Cruz

The National Association for Campus Activities' (NACA) Far West Regional Conference was held November 4 - 7 at the Red Lion Inn in Sacramento. Special Projects Coordinator Leah Ann Caro, head delegate Ruth Laya, Connie Bonillas, Raquel Capacete, Karla Marroquin and Lisa Tapia represented Mount St. Mary's College.

"NACA is an organization that focuses on and helps the student leader," stated Ruth Laya. "Through varied educational sessions and opportunities, it promotes personal growth. The Mount representatives were

of high spirit all throughout. That helped in promoting our school and in making it a better known institution."

Leah Ann Caro was on the Southern California/Nevada Unit Steering Committee for two years. She gave an educational session on improving staff and student reactions. Her job as fund raiser entailed hard work. As Leah said, "There may not be money involved in volunteering for NACA - but what one gains is priceless."

"I felt the conference gave us ideas on how to promote more spirit and de-

crease the apathy in this school," claimed delegate Connie Bonillas.

Student Activities Clerk Lisa Tapia learned a lot regarding programming. "I highly recommend that students participate in the NACA conference," Lisa said. "I hope to be one of the delegates next year."

The conference overall was very enlightening. As Raquel Capacete learned, "I realize that there are more similarities than differences among the different schools. The conference was a great experience. It was a nice way to meet people."

Do It For the Children

by Lisa Cruz

Christmas is fast approaching. As we welcome the Yuletide season we are pleased with varied images of prosperity and joy—in new clothes, exciting gifts, cherished relationships, the beautiful Christmas tree, the happy children.

Christmas is for everyone, yet it takes on a different dimension for the children. By virtue of their vulnerability and innocence, children demand special care. According to Amnesty International, at this very moment a child may be subjected to the whims of a ruthless torturer, as children from all over the world become victims of human rights abuse.

Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working impartially for the release of all prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, and an end to torture and executions. It is funded by donations from its members and supporters throughout the world.

In this day and age, barbarism continues as Amnesty International chronicles the escalating violence that spares no one. Children have been either caught in the crossfire or were innocent bystanders. Other children have been used as a means to force parents to confess to political crimes as in the case of a five-month old baby kept in an adjacent cell. The infant was deprived of milk. "I saw the five-month old baby screaming in this state," claimed a former Iraqi prisoner.

Often, retaliation against human rights workers are vented towards their offspring. Children often pay the price in Guatemala's political chaos. Armed men had burst into Susana Tzoc Mendoza's home in November, 1988. They were looking for her father, a Guatemalan human rights worker. Failing to find him, they attacked her instead; beating her so severely over a four-day period that she vomited blood. In February, Iris Reyes Uriza, the niece of the President of another Guatemalan rights organization, was captured by government soldiers and taken to a military camp and raped. She was 15 years old.

Such accounts are only too familiar to me since I was raised in a country wrought with suppression and decadence during the Marcos Regime. The former First Lady, Imelda is notorious for her shoes and jewelry—but people seem to be oblivious to the searing fact of political detention and torture that had been prevalent in their reign. Intellectuals, professionals, students, the religious, and human rights advocates, their loved ones and children were primary targets for brutality. Detention and torture were used to silence legitimate cries for justice and reform.

My physics professor was a political detainee and he, too, was subjected to mental and physical torture. This disturbed me a great deal especially since my father was against my in-

volvement in political organizations. My contribution was insignificant compared to my friends, who were totally committed to the pursuit of social justice. They were at the forefront of the human rights movement. Each of us had that innate fear of captivity, since we were aware of the possibility of detention. I felt extremely vulnerable. It was a frightening experience. Praying and knowing there were many students involved somehow made me stronger.

During the dark days of the dictatorship, Amnesty International was among the few organizations that provided a ray of hope. Its work of facilitating the release of political prisoners was impressive. It became my dream to become a part of such a noble organization.

Coming here a year ago enabled me to get in touch with and join Amnesty International. As a member one gets to receive their bimonthly newsletter, Amnesty Action, which provides the most current information on prisoner cases adopted. It gives an update on human rights situations all over the world and offers special opportunities to participate directly in campaigns.

A child's laughter, a child's joy gives added significance to the beauty of the Yuletide Season. There is no greater love than this—do it for the sake of the children. Human life is sacred. Be a part of Amnesty International—call (213) 388-1237.

Jen's Corner



Safety Found In Numbers

by Monica Vallado

Are we safe on the Doheny Campus? Consider these facts: we have had five Toyotas stolen; USC fraternity houses, known to have a reputation for wild parties enhanced by alcohol, surround the campus; the entrances to campus aren't al-

ways guarded; and the campus is easily accessible to any pedestrian wishing to pass through. With crime at an all time high, and date rape—frequently occurring at fraternity parties—an everyday occurrence, the answer would seem to

be no. However, all students interviewed for this article felt safe living at Doheny; they all see this campus as a sort of haven in the heart of a very unstable part of L.A.

The students talked about the administration members, teachers, nuns, and guards as mother/father figures, each having an interest in student safety. For example, the administration responded to the Toyota crisis by closing the campus and leaving only one entrance/exit gate open.

The students have learned to use safety common sense on cam-

pus as well; walking in groups, and when that is not possible, being assertive when walking alone. I personally believe that we all need to create a safe place for ourselves, not depending totally on others to create it for us. This is possible through the advantages a small campus such as Doheny has to offer.

I call on each of us, both at Doheny and Chalon, to take precautions, use the resources available, such as the shuttle, and build a community willing to work towards a safe campus environment.

'Tis the Time
to Start
Shopping...

by Paulina Schiro

As winter grows near, it is apparent that Christmas is just around the corner. Have you done your Christmas shopping?

We are often preoccupied with the more important things that need to be completed, such as research papers, jobs, and socializing, that we set aside our shopping until the very last possible minute. We say that we will worry about it after finals, but did you know that finals end on December 22, leaving only three shopping days until Christmas?

The last few days before Christmas are the most hectic for all shoppers buying presents—mothers fighting for the last doll on the shelf, customers waiting in endless lines for assistance, and teenagers debating what to get their boyfriends. Here are a few tips to avoid this annual "rush hour" before Christmas.

FOUR POINTS FOR OMITTING
LAST MINUTE FRUSTRATION

1. Make a list of everyone for whom you want to purchase a gift.
2. Next to their name write down what you would like to buy for them.
3. Price each item before you purchase it in order to get the best deal.
4. Avoid procrastination.

Literary
Corner

WINGS OF FREEDOM

The flight of my soul
on feathered wings,
upward to the sky,
is a beautiful thing
to see.

Soaring high, gaining
speed, free at last of
life's worrisome
problems.

but, alas, I take one
brief peek at all left
behind,
and I see your gentle
tears,
your aching heart,

in that one instant,
I love you again,
for your love of me,
invaluable as I may be.

And so, the wings, as
Icarus
would have told me, did
not last,
and I fell again to the
ground,
tied once more by an
aching love.

by Aimee Steffes

Around
Town

December 1 - 17

Theater 40

Home, written by critically-acclaimed novelist and playwright David Storey, is a funny and touching language play that gently sums up the human condition and humorously grapples with life gone askew.

December 2 - January 6

Otis/Parsons Art Gallery

An exhibition featuring sixty American artists brings into the public eye the 1950's trial and execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the only Americans ever given the death penalty for conspiracy to commit espionage.

December 6

The Streisand Center

At 7:30 a free public symposium "Art and Politics - The '50's/'80's Parallel" is scheduled in conjunction with the Rosenberg exhibit.

December 8-10

The Great Western Forum

The Grateful Dead will be performing three concerts, at 8:00 on Friday, 9:00 on Saturday, and 6:00 on Sunday.

December 9

Women's 20th Century Club

The California Lyric Grand Opera will present an Opera Gala featuring excerpts from such productions as *West Side Story*, *Show Boat*, *Porgy and Bess*, and *South Pacific*, among others. Admission is \$12.00, and will be performed at 7:30.

December 9

Embassy Theater

Huaycaltia will perform at 8:00 in order to promote its second album, *Horizontes*. The group has worked to transcend social and cultural barriers through the fusion of their musical and personal experiences with the revival of their traditional cultures. The group's music ranges from folklore from the Andes, afro-caribbean, jazz and classical to socially aware "New Song" musical styles.

December 10

Homestead Museum

A Christmas Open House offers an afternoon visit to 1928, featuring holiday decorations, music, entertainment and refreshments. Admission is free, but reservations are required.

December 14

The Ambassador Theater

The Juilliard String Quartet performs the complete Beethoven quartets. Tickets are \$19.50 and up.

December 15

The Wiltern Theatre

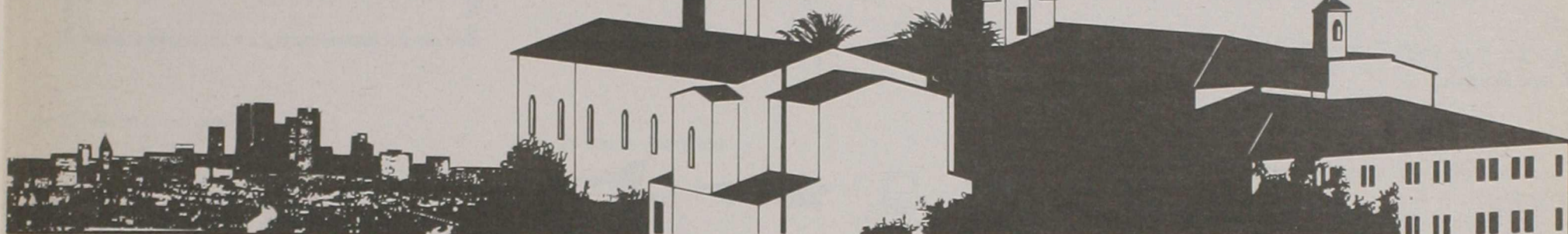
Indigo Girls will be performing at 8:00. Band members Amy Ray and Emily Saliers will be serving up a striking collection of radiant, dynamically-performed songs highlighting the duo's contrasting yet complimentary vocal styles.

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Let's Begin...

By Alicia Saldana

Waking up on New Year's Day was as disappointing as waking up on your thirteenth birthday and not feeling like a teenager. Now, I did not expect to wake up and find my house redecorated, complete with a clap-on-clap-off system, compliments of high-tech elves. But, with the news reports about the increase in homicides and drug abuse, and the decrease in America's academic performance, I was quickly sobered to the reality of

the large burden which sits at the 90's doorstep.

With the idea of 1990 being a new beginning, I was futilely hoping for instant reforms and answers to all our problems. There are many existing problems that we will be trying to solve well into the next century, while new problems are arising.

What are these problems which have plagued America? One does not have to go any further than the morning

paper to find them, usually taking a backseat to the problems or triumphs of China and Eastern Europe.

When we left for Christmas break we were celebrating the fall of The Berlin Wall; by the time we returned, several other eastern European countries had overthrown their government or had joined the bandwagon against communist rule. Following the red, white, and blue footsteps

of democracy, these countries are risking everything for equality and freedom.

I have recently been reminded that perhaps we should remind ourselves that although freedom is virtuous, one can be free and still be homeless and hungry. Equality of condition for people in America, as well as in other countries, is what we should be striving for.

Though it is hard to close our eyes to the

ethical, economical and social problems around us, we can no longer try to justify our blindness by saying, "Yeah, but we have our freedom." It is hard to be truly critical about America when there are so many countries that want to model themselves after us -- we must be doing something right.

I would like to think that the problems of America and the rest of the globe have reached an intolerable point, where

things can only get better. I think that we need to break the past repetitiveness of history and begin to write a new future. Community spirit, non-violence, glasnost, and environmental protection are this year's buzzwords. This century is pregnant with change, change which will hopefully be for the best. Do not be startled by the job ahead. We can be guided by our dreams for 1990 and make them come true...Let's begin!

Feminism: An Issue of Choice

By Mary Hodges

Feminism. It's a scary word to a lot of people. Nobody wants to be labeled a feminist and everybody hates them. It has connotations of macho women trying to beat men at their own game. But to me a feminist is not a man-hater or a female chauvinist; a feminist is merely a person who thinks that women should have the same rights and opportunities that men have and be treated on an equal basis with men.

First, one thing that requires explanation is the issue of abortion since frighteningly, feminism is often associated with this hot topic. Feminists are typically portrayed as demonstrative pro-choice supporters. This, however, is not necessarily the case. A feminist may take either stance she likes because feminism is about making choices. A woman might decide to voice her opinion against abortion just as she might choose to support a freedom of choice stand.

Feminism does not, and should not, revolve around abortion and other political issues. A big part of feminism is changing attitudes. People operate according to the roles that we assign to them. Not only is a reality check on stereotypical roles necessary for men in some cases, but women especially need to change the way they perceive themselves and their

relationships with others. Women must take it upon themselves to carry out a more active role in their relationships and in society. Passivity is not forced on anyone. Feminism means women making choices about their own lives, whether they are a homemaker, an autoworker or an executive. Women should examine their own values and goals and decide for themselves what they want to do rather than letting society decide for them.

This means that a woman may choose to become a homemaker if it results from her actual decision. A homemaker may be a feminist and deserves respect as such. The important thing is that she herself chooses to be a homemaker.

Changes in vocabulary are also an important element of feminism because they reflect changes in attitude. One fortunate thing about the Mount is that most hypothetical situations in class involve women or the pronoun 'she' instead of 'he'. Feminist vocabulary may seem strange at first, but it just takes some getting used to. Saying 'chairperson' instead of 'chairman' once sounded ridiculous to me. After a little practice though, one begins to say naturally words like 'flight attendant', 'firefighter', and 'spokesperson'. However, distinctions such as 'poetess' and 'male nurse' become unnecessary.

Moreover, I've discovered that it is not so hard to say 'humankind' instead of 'man'. While all this may seem to be making mountains out of molehills, changes in vocabulary are important because language molds our perceptions and images. As long as we continue to say 'mailman' instead of 'mail carrier', our image of that profession as a man's job will remain. If we can change our appellations, however, the road leading to a more egalitarian society will become smoother.

The question of etiquette is also one that arises in a discussion of feminism. It is acceptable for a feminist woman to go through a door first. Somebody has got to go through first, and in this country it is traditionally the woman. It makes things go a lot more smoothly. But that does not mean that a woman cannot hold a door open for a man as well. Women and men do not have to reject polite convention if it feels comfortable to them and if it does not subordinate one sex or the other.

Feminism does not require that everyone become an activist. Feminism means doing what you want to do and believing in yourself and not letting anyone stop you from reaching your goals just because you are a woman. All people need to increase their awareness of discriminatory imbalances in society and change their attitudes and lifestyles to put an end to these.

The 80's According to Us...

By Jane Morgan

Who did we put on the A-list and who did we eighty-six?

The View interfaced with a healthy selection of the Mount's workaholics, wildings, and wannabes to provide its readers with a little "infotainment" — a reader's poll. Pretty high concept, huh?

First, the good news... Either 1989 was the most abundant, tumultuous year of the decade, or you all have short-term memories, because you think-alikes almost reached consensus in most of our categories, and noted very current events as the stand-outs. Some of the decade's earlier influences must be so ingrained that we don't hear ourselves calling friends and relatives "Dude" or referring to childless couples as "D.I.N.K.s". Neither do we remember playing Pictionary in our postmodern studios or belonging to support groups to overcome our codependency, because it has us "stressed." The aforementioned, liposuction, and lite beer all took root sometime, somewhere, in the past ten years.

Most everyone agreed that the 80's reached its epiphany when the wall came tumbling down in Berlin. In the same vein, a number of you said that the end of the cold war (thanks, Gorby) and the battles waged for a more democratic world made a most indelible mark on the past decade and its people.

A handful of sports fans called the 1984 Olympics in our own L.A. the most memorable of moments. Scattered throughout our surveys were other sports items, like the Lakers back-to-back victories in 1987 and '88, and the World Series game in 1988, where the Dodgers, in a long shot, walked away with the championship.



A few health nuts mentioned the move to improve both hips and heart. Jane Fonda and other fitness fanatics sweat and swore by their running shoes and bran muffins. In the interest of lower cholesterol and higher fashion we ate baby carrots and tanked up at Beverly Hills water bars.

One honest interviewee said that the advent of microwave popcorn made the 80's come alive for her. Hey, priorities.

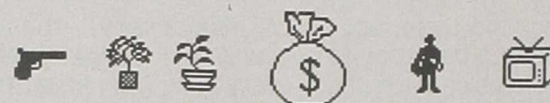


Some students noted that passion and protest on the home front hadn't been put to rest by decades past; witness Hands Across America, grassroots environmental organizations and animal activist groups like Heal the Bay and PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.)



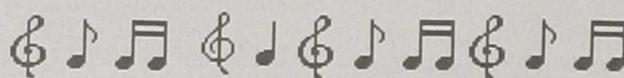
The space shuttle, home computers, E.T. the movie, car phones, the walkman, and the Harmonic Convergence also made the list of unforgettables and undisposable.

Now for the bad news... Many of you said that the birth of new leadership and the fight for freedom meant dying for it. Tiananmen Square was just one battlefield.

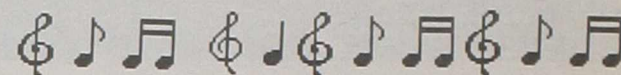


Terror on the airlines, A.I.D.S., the Alaskan oil spill and other environmental concerns, the federal deficit, homelessness, the drug problem and the rate at which they all have grown in number have your attention.

A few of you smirked and said that televangelism and loose morals among our country's leaders added to the ills of our society in the 1980's as well.



In music everything old is new again. Recent releases by classic rock artists such as The Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton, and Bob Dylan have the majority of your vote. U2 was another band that got high marks. A percentage of you agreed that pop prophets Madonna, Prince, and Michael Jackson were worthy of recognition, though they weren't your particular favorites. Also topping the charts were Paula Abdul and Milli Vanilli for some of you. For the record, the two newcomers were also considered a musical disgrace by some of you.



To a greater degree, concerts and events received more of your attention than the music actually played at them. Giant fundraisers like USA for Africa, the US Festival and Farm Aid were among them. Important to others was the birth of MTV and the music video, The Stones' Farewell Tour, and the reunion of The Who.

Bands you love to hate: Run D.M.C. and Guns n' Roses, for starters. Most of you had a disdain for disco, technopop and rap in general. Metal didn't make it with you, either.



We also quizzed you on current events, so here's a quick look at the best and the worst of the last year of the decade.

Again, we all seem to agree that the Berlin Wall and developments in Eastern Europe on the whole are among the most promising, exciting happenings of not just this one, but of several decades past.

Of people and things we'd just as soon forget: Noriega, the McMartins, cop-slapper Zsa Zsa Gabor, the San Francisco earthquake, junk bonds, and mal-lathion.

From the ridiculous to the sublime... As we exit the eighties and ring in the new decade, remember to look at the big picture and don't worry, be happy, for ours is a kinder, gentler, nation.

Editor's note: Write the tired buzzwords and phraseology used in this article out of your vocabulary — they belong in the closet with your stuffed Spuds Mackenzie, plastic purse, and auto shade.

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Reflections on Joanne

By Kristin Wennerstrom

Joanne Kennedy is looking forward to graduating this May, although with the idea of graduation comes not only the anxiety of what to do once the ceremony's over, but also what this last semester will entail. What follows is a glimpse of Joanne, what she has done, and what she plans to do.

Joanne began as a Physical Therapy major in the Honors Program (although her attitude toward honors was less than enthusiastic) when she entered Mount St. Mary's as a freshman.

Since then, she has

homework, Joanne spends her spare time (what little she has) sleeping, reading, going out with friends to new clubs or underground music concerts, or just hanging around in her dorm room listening to reggae or "contemporary" music. Recently, she even did an interview for the TV show, *Love Connection*.

The room she has stayed in since her junior year is a story in itself. Stuck with what used to be a very small luggage room (with arms outstretched, a person can touch both walls), Joanne



changed her major to Psychology, has jumped into the honors program with both feet, arms, and entire body, and is currently doing research for an honors thesis. The paper, when finished, will be the profiles of four women, including Harriet Tubman and Joan of Arc, all of whom were social dissenters. Although the paper must be thirty-five to fifty pages in length, a hefty number to those of us used to ten, she is very excited about the topic. As she stated, "I'm afraid once I get started, it will be hard to stop."

Besides doing

decided to make the best out of a rotten situation and built a loft. Now her floor is free for what she terms as her "things."

After graduation, Joanne plans on attending graduate school (although she doesn't know where yet) for four to six more years, in order to get her PhD in Clinical Psychology. Someday, she may even become a professor.

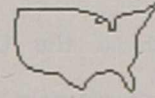
When Joanne leaves this school in May, those who follow after her should remember her as funny, loud, outgoing, fun, and most of all, nice to all those around her.



OFF THE HILL



National



By Danise Callahan

Native Americans in Council Bluffs, Iowa are testing their legal rights. The issue is not over treaties or civil rights, however. Economic empowerment of this frequently neglected minority group is being proposed in the form of a \$67 million gambling casino, the largest between Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

Since 1988, the Indian Gambling Regulatory Act has allowed casino games, slot machines, and horse and dog racing on Indian land in states that have legalized gambling. Iowa only allows gambling for purposes of charity, but this loophole is being stretched to include businesses if located on tribal land. Legal observers say that a favorable ruling in the courts may allow Indians to become to gambling what the Japanese are to electronics. Check for more info if you're looking to invest.

Dean Phillip Carter, 34, father of twins, adopted son of a police chief, and a cameraman for television documentaries, is facing the death penalty. Described as tall, handsome and charming, he has been convicted of two murders, and stands accused of rape and a total of five other murders, occurring within eighteen days.

Apparently, after meeting attractive young women in bars and dating them until his sexual advances were rebuffed, he broke into their homes at night with the intention of raping them before strangling them. One woman was able to escape after more than five hours of repeated sexual assault with combined beating and strangulation to the point of unconsciousness.

Carter will face rape and murder charges in San Diego after the former Culver City resident leaves the Ventura courts. The prosecutor in the case has asked for capital punishment as administered in the gas chamber. This seemingly respectable man is suspected of other violent sexual offenses in Seattle and Honolulu. Remember, dating risks involve more than a broken heart so we need to be as careful as we can.

President Bush recently denounced racism from the pulpit of John Wesley AME Zion Church. His urging to "let us recommit ourselves to work for justice and unity for all people. And let me add, no more letter bombs. No more racism. Leave the entire baggage of bigotry behind," drew approval and "amens" from the black congregation.

His references were to recent threats against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, tragically marked by the killings of a federal judge and a civil rights lawyer. How far have we come? How far have we yet to go?

On January 6, geology students out on a dig near Twenty-Nine Palms found the skull of Lance Corporal Jason Rother, 19, of Minneapolis. The skull was found three miles from his other remains, found over a year ago on this sprawling base about 180 miles east of Los Angeles. Rother had been posted for desert night maneuvers on August 30, 1988 and was inadvertently left behind.

International



By Donna Burr

Over the past two months, events have occurred that not only surprised the world but have also left people questioning what the future holds for them. In Eastern Europe, events are occurring at an alarming rate.

In January, Romania's leader, Nicolae Ceaucescu, was executed along with his wife. This may sound harsh to Western standards but the way Ceaucescu ran his country would also sound foreign to Westerners. For example, he made abortion and birth control illegal. Women caught disregarding these laws faced a fine and up to five years in prison. Mine workers also faced harsh conditions. They were forced to work in despicable conditions without the protection of masks. Ceaucescu's country was poor, but in contrast he lived very well.

East Germany has dismantled its Secret police and plans to try its old leader, Honecker, in March. There are also talks going on between East and West Germany in regard to reunification of the two Germanys. The German Democratic Republic (East) is also greatly concerned with the "brain drain" it is suffering; it has lost 400,000 of its citizens since the dismantling of the Berlin wall. Most people are ecstatic over the changes, especially the dismantling of the Wall. At the same time, however, there is anxiety at the swiftness of events and the apparent lack of control over these situations.

In Russia, Gorbachev's Perestroika seems to be in danger. Gorbachev definitely needs aid to help him achieve his goals, and there are those who are starting to doubt if it will work. Some of the countries in the union are also causing him problems. Lithuania, for example, has split from Russia and has elected a new president despite efforts by Gorbachev to keep it a part of the Soviet Union.

Bulgaria has joined other Eastern European countries by changing its political system to a multiparty system and allowing free elections.

Such events have not been restricted solely to Europe. In December, President Bush sent troops into Panama to capture President Manuel Noriega in what has been called "Operation Just Cause". After several weeks of successfully evading American troops, Noriega was finally captured and sent to Florida to stand trial for drug trafficking.

Nicaragua is planning to hold free elections in February. Approximately twenty Americans (former vice-presidents, presidents [including Carter], and former members of the NSC) are coordinating the elections in an attempt to make them as fair as possible. Ortega has also promised to release over 1100 political prisoners before the elections take place.

In other news circles closer to home, the Canadian Real Estate tycoon Campeau has declared bankruptcy. This is being called the biggest retail bankruptcy. His most commonly known store is Bloomingdales.

Spotlight on Ivana

By Wendy Nobles

Ivana Trump, soon to be ex-wife of multimillionaire real estate tycoon Donald Trump, is not just a pretty woman behind a great man. She is quite a powerful woman on her own.

This past Thanksgiving when I was home for the holidays, I interviewed Mrs. Trump in her office at the Plaza Hotel. She was gracious enough to fit me in between two meetings, granting me as much time as I wanted. She greeted me warmly, with a smile and a compliment.

Mrs. Trump is a Czechoslovakian native, born in Gottwaldov. She

has a Masters degree in Physical Education from Charles University in Prague. She was an alternate for the 1972

Either you have it [business sense] or you don't. I don't care how many [business] schools you go to, you can't learn it.

Czechoslovakian Women's Olympic Ski Team. She later moved to Canada where she became a fashion model before

moving to the United States.

She met Donald Trump during the Montreal Olympics, and they were married a year later. Currently she is the president of the Plaza Hotel in New York City. Before her current position, she was CEO of the Trump Castle and Casino. She still oversees the activities of the Trumps' three Atlantic City casino hotels.

She and Donald are the parents of three children, Donald Jr., 12, Ivanka, 8, and Eric, 5. She describes herself as a homebody and as very family oriented.

Her parents visit her for six months out of the year, and she visits Czechoslovakia once a year.

In the interview, she named Donald Trump as her hero because of the great amount of progress in his career. When speaking about her hobbies, which are skiing and gardening, she stated (about gardening) "I love to dig into the earth."

Mrs. Trump claims that she lives day to day. When I asked her what her dream was, she said it was to raise her children honestly, because she feels it's so hard to do so with our society as it is

today. When I asked her if she saw herself in the past, doing what she is doing today, she couldn't envision it.

She really thought that she would be teaching physical education. However, she does feel lucky to have the business sense that she has. She stated about this, "Either you have it or you don't. I don't care how many [business] schools you go to, you can't learn it."

The last question I asked Mrs. Trump was whether or not she had any advice for the woman of the 90's, to which she replied, "You have to have balance between a

career and a family to be really successful."

She felt a need for family because we are women and have that right, but also felt that women should have a career as well, for women are much more prominent in the business world today, and will continue to be so in the 90's.

The thing that most impressed me about Ivana Trump was her warm and friendly attitude. This, in my opinion, made her a much more beautiful person to meet. In conclusion, Mrs. Trump is not just a pretty face; but a lovely, intelligent individual whom I admire very much.

Your Mount Horoscope...

By Paolina Schiro

Aries (March 21 - April 19): This semester, you will explore new dreams. Don't worry about that minor nervous breakdown you had last semester, but be careful this spring when you might drive off the cliff.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Traveling is in your future whether it is going to the leadership conference or catching a ride down to Westwood. Also, you will be having new contacts with foreign people such as your French professor. By the end of spring you will have no excuse not to run the Norman loop.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): This is the year to get your act together and start dieting. Stop ordering out for pizza or you won't have enough money to pay your telephone bill. There are many changes you know you should make to get along with your roommate. Don't put it off!

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Your goodness in volunteering for all committees and giving of yourself is resulting in your spreading yourself to thin. Pay attention to your own needs—go off the hill and treat yourself to some yogurt.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): It is time for you to get in shape and work out in the weight room. Watch what you eat this semester (don't go overboard with the cafeteria's ice-cream).

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Watch what you do around your dorm room—you may be a little accident-prone. You will be meeting new people whether it is on your way to class or going to Ralph's.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Listen to what your boyfriend is saying to you this month; he might have something important to tell you. Be careful in your work study job—you might have a little accident.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Be all you can be! Splurge on a new hairstyle or makeover to impress your Mount friends. Mental changes, as well as physical, assures success in class.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Focus on your career goal. However, keep an open-mind toward changing that Premed dream to another field such as teaching. It might be time to make emotional changes like getting a different dorm room.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): This is the semester for you to be assertive. Ask out that guy from UCLA that you've always had your eye on. Your willpower has paid off but keep sticking to that diet.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Your Mr. Right is just around the corner. However, be sure you improve upon your attitude before you introduce yourself to him. Make sure you attend all school functions (i.e. Mr. Mount Contest).

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): This is your semester to balance your time between academics, activities, and your social life. Stop attending so many frat parties and do a little more reading. The end result will be rewarding.



Student Ambassador Program

By Cathy Nguyen

The Student Ambassador Program at Mount St. Mary's is a program through which selected students return to their alma mater to share their college experiences with interested peers. The purpose of being a student ambassador is to encourage college-bound students to consider attending Mount St. Mary's.

Through my own experience of being an ambassador (I participated in the program during Christmas break), I have been given the opportunity to be an important figure by representing Mount St. Mary's College. I felt it was an honor to have been chosen for this special task. Through the program, I have been able to meet new people and make new friends. However, my most rewarding achievement was overcoming the shyness I had of speaking in front of a group of people. I was nervous and concerned about being at a loss for words. Yet, knowing that I was there speaking for a special purpose gave me the courage to speak freely and comfortably among the group. Especially since I remember being a high school student myself and being confused and worried about which college to attend.

Being a student ambassador has been a good learning experience for me. I have not only helped others to learn more about our college, but I have also discovered something new within myself.

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TOPIARY TANTRUM



By Joanne Kennedy

"In the doldrums of our everyday lives we rarely take time out to notice those things of beauty which surround us and add a spot of sunshine to our day" (Nietzsche 1928). O.K., so maybe Nietzsche never said that, it is of no matter. While it is a charming sentiment, it smacks of a lack of the poignant sense of the reality of everyday life. Still, the nature of this note is not to depress the masses at Mount St. Mary's. No, that is not at all the purpose of my inscribing. Rather, I am striving to awaken this close community; for among us lurks a demon which slowly eats away at the fundamental organization of our being. No, I am not referring to the omnipresent threat of Satan or even the influence of Elvis' ghost among us. I am discussing SHRUBBERY.

Don't get me wrong, I love a good tree. My present concern is related to the hedges which encircle our lovely campus. My point is, and I offer this in all seriousness, what is the purpose of the the hedges around the grass in the circle? It occurs to me that the opportunity to lounge on level ground (as is common on college campuses everywhere) might be heightened if one did not risk impalement and severe embarrass-

ment in the pursuit of said pleasure. Not to mention the fact that since the untimely demise of the olive trees in the center, and their replacement with what appear to be bogan villas, there is an unmistakable lack of balance between tree and trimmings.

Similarly, there is an apparent lack of continuity among the "hedgespots" which accompany the steps ascending toward the Chapel. If I may be specific, stand in the circle, face the Chapel, look at the steps on the right hand side, look to the very top. The hand rail is being slowly enveloped by foliage. Also, you will notice that there are numerous "hedgespots" along this rail with non-existent partners on the opposite side.

Perhaps I am underestimating the comic value of the vegetation. I can not count how many times I have seen faculty, students and staff tumble gracefully into this proverbial hornet's nest, and if one has ever attended graduation, they know there are few things as hilarious as watching loved ones shred expensive clothing in their dive over this virtual Venus human trap, in an attempt to find a seat, or get that

perfect photo opportunity.

Now, I admit that there may have been some initial reason for the planting of this flora; in fact, they have done a lovely job of masking various plumbing fixtures, and keeping folks from loitering in front of the Administrative offices. But, I am suggesting a reevaluation of their purpose. At least if they are going to stay, they ought to be balanced, and if they are going to be trimmed in a linear manner, with spheres at each corner, we might as well employ animal shapes. Then we can rekindle those positive feelings associated with the Topiary Gardens of Disneyland.

Well, if nothing else, I hope I have provided a bit of humor in a busy day, and I hope that the next time the reader walks through the circle they will give a thoughtful glance to the hedges. They are all around, in front of the library, lecture hall, Administration Building, Humanities and along the stone steps. Might our campus be that much friendlier, and more inviting without these particular herbs? If I may be permitted a little mild moralization, I believe we put up enough walls in our private lives, need we bring nature into it?

Fine Arts Students Experience Europe

By Jane Morgan

After an exciting, exhausting, two weeks spent traveling three countries, Sister Teresita's European Study Tour students are back in town.

"It was wonderful!" exclaimed Hortensia Del Villar, a sophomore, who had never been to Europe before. "The people and their customs are so different - I think that's what I enjoyed the most - living a totally different way," said Del Villar.

Junior Shelley McCoy agrees, "It was a great experience, learning about a country through its people." Also a student who had never been abroad before, McCoy added, smiling, "There are things that you just don't expect in foreign countries; and little conveniences here that we take for granted."

The famous European painting and sculpture held senior Liz Red's greatest fascination.

"It was really amazing, actually standing in front of Michelangelo's David and the Mona Lisa," stated Red. Introduced to the giants of art history in school years ago, Red decided that the pictures in her textbooks were nothing like the real thing. "Seeing the art myself was a totally different story," she said.

Education major Joan Calhoun, understandably, valued the learning experience. "We got a lot out of it, all of us, being able to actually see the history -- it was a great experience," said Calhoun. Particularly memorable to Joan was seeing two of Rousseau's paintings, a favorite artist of hers, at the National Gallery in London.

"I'd do it again in a second!" declared Jamie Parsley, an English major in her junior year. "There's a sense of history you get in Europe that's hard to describe, really," Parsley recalled. Of her perfect planning, Parsley commends Sister Teresita, the group's fearless leader who knows the territory.

"She deserves a lot of credit," Parsley said, a sentiment shared by all.

Although financing the European vacation was difficult for some, everyone agreed that the experience was well worth the expense. "The trip is something that we'll always have with us, something that we'll never forget," reminisced Parsley.

The Arts in Europe, as the class is officially known, got its start in 1970. Sister Teresita, founder of the program, and keeper of the flame, says she is as enthusiastic as ever. "The focus is on the Western culture's fine art. What we learn in the classroom just comes alive in our travels," she said.

"While in England, France, and Rome, we attended seminars, and were shown the great cities by tour guides." She continues, "The foreign currency, the alternative modes of transportation, the language

differences - they're all wonderful practical experiences for the students as well." Speaking of their numerous museum stops, Sister Teresita recalls, "In London we visited the National Gallery, in Paris the Louvre, and in Florence the Uffizi gallery, just to name a few."

It is Sister Teresita's belief that the students' enthusiasm will be sustained in years to come. The adventurous three-unit class crosses the continent every other year.

A count of 13 students spent their winter break abroad. Included were Joan Calhoun, Lucy Castillo, Martha Cerda, Laura D'Antoni, Hortensia Del Villar, Deborah Dilloway, Theresa Genova, Ruth Laya, Michelle McCoy, Joyce Mineros, Rosleann Pangelinan, Jamie Parsley, and Elizabeth Red.

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A Dependent Clause is not Necessarily an Insecure Santa...

By Allison Turner

There are many misconceptions floating around in the toxic air out there. Many parasitic myths are just waiting to feed on people's brains, sucking out all logic and sense of reasoning. These evil lores are responsible for Elvis' rebirth and the long-awaited discovery of oat bran. One such falsity centers around a misconception closer to home for me, and no, it's not my mailbox. It's my major.

For some reason people cannot grasp the meaning of such a major as English. Because they do not understand what such a major entails, they make up their own rules and regulations. Well, here's one officer wanna-be ready to make a citizen's arrest. I'm taking it upon myself to explain who an English major is, if only by explaining what she is not.

To begin with, an English major is not a connoisseur of grammar. Contrary to popular belief, it is not required that all English majors identify at least one faulty sentence structure of Mike Tyson's.

Personally, I do not know one iota about English. (Well, maybe one, but definitely not two.) When I was first asked to diagram a sentence, I drew little pictures around it to make it look real pretty. And if I may be so personal, from what exactly does a participle dangle? And don't you think that if modifiers were really misplaced, somebody would have found them by now?

I have never understood grammar, and I doubt I ever will. I use the excuse that English is the hardest language to learn, for it is true that there are more exceptions than rules. Ignore the fact that English, unlike hand-knit booties and diaper rash, has remained a part of me since infancy.

I do find it embarrassing, however, to realize that not only are the Japanese capable of buying huge chunks of America, but that they are able to do so formulating

better grammatically-structured sentences than I. I sense some room for improvement here.

But this just serves to prove my point — you don't have to be defeated by the Japanese to be an English major. (Well there's hot gossip.) Grammar is not the air in an English major's life. But then again, neither is an extensive vocabulary.

Another common misconception is that English majors spend their free time memorizing the dictionary. Is that a sick thought or what? That would be about as enjoyable as walking around with Lee Press-On Nails on your toes.

On numerous occasions, non-English majors have asked me to define words they themselves cannot. They seem to think that such an ability becomes an added appendage as soon as you declare your major. This, of course, is ludicrous. A friend of mine is a Biology major, but I don't expect her to dissect me any day soon.

All I have to say is, my copy of Webster's famous book is as tattered as everyone else's. If I'm honest with people, I admit it when a word has me stumped. If I want to have fun with them, I counter with an equally obscure cluster of letters. If I want to impress them, I lie.

So far I have defined the words subterfuge, antimacassar, pusillanimous, obstreperous, troglodyte, shibboleth, and pestiferous without ever having known their true meaning until after the fact. Is that a skill or what?

Words can also be fun, once you do find out their true meaning. Take, for example, the word hippopotomonstrosesquipedalian. Yes, it may seem life-threatening at first, but we English majors love to live on the edge. I myself thought a hippopotomon-

strosesquipedalian was a killer hippo living in Ecuador, friends only to the macaw, and surviving on kelp. Either that, or a very illogical misspelling of hippopotamus. In actuality, it means pertaining to a very large word. Some things are so obvious.

The last misconception people have about English majors is that we are destined to be unemployed. Although this is generally true, there have been those who have beaten the odds and have actually held a job. I know, I know...the shock is too much.

When you think about it, English majors have a lot to offer the world. After all, we can be responsible for your will, your list of ingredients, your lawsuit, your peace treaty, your profanity, your words of wisdom, your TV programming, and your underwear label. Our abilities are infinite.

One fellow English major I know is also majoring in Sociology, and another one is double majoring with Music. Although I'm relying solely on an English degree to provide me with a life of splendor and wealth (ha), they at least have something to fall back on, should English prove to be an unstable support. The one with the Sociology degree could always...well, she could...And of course the other one with a Music degree could always...she could...no, she never will. I take that back. We're all in the same boat. But we're darn proud of it.

So, you see, English is not the unknown wonder it's perceived to be. I'm tired of people looking confused when I tell them my major, as if instead I had said, "Pojkhu illiske kajfe vmbdmb a kjehds."

So what exactly is an English major? Well, I don't really know — but at least I know what it's not. Why am I an English major? I'm not exactly sure of that either. I suppose I'll have to ask a Psychology major friend of mine that question. After all, they know all the answers to stuff like that, don't they?

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By Erica D. Henderson

written in dedication
of African-American history month

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F is for the freedom of our continent and its people from war, segregation, drought, hunger and P.W. Bothal

R is for the rivers that are rich and fertile. These are the Nile, Congo (Zaire), Niger, Zambezi, Orange, Kasai, Limpopo, Senegal, Gambia and Volta.

I is for the independence Afrika has gained, although still struggling to break away from tyrannic rule.

K is for the ancient kingdoms of Ghana, Mali and Songhai that used trade as the center of learning and culture.

A is for the animals that are a unique and natural resource known worldwide.

N is for Nelson Mandela who protested South Afrika's policy of apartheid. He will soon be released from persecution to continue the plight and lead South Afrika to its political liberty.

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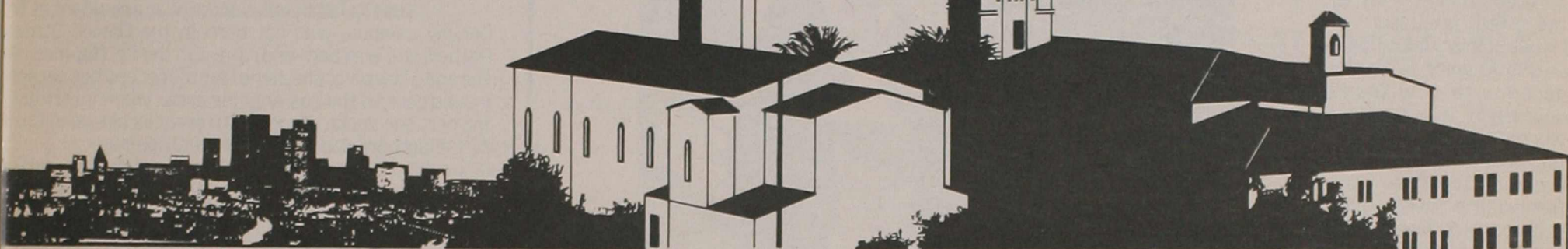
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Lent is Not the Fuzzy Thing on Your Sweater

By Alicia Saldana

Lately a lot of people have been asking what Lent is all about. To get some clear answers, I went to Campus Ministry where they were able to give some better explanations than my eight years of Catholic school had provided me with.

To begin with, **Lent** is a season of the year which lasts for forty days (a very symbolic number). It began as a time for the catechumens (adults in the process of converting to the Catholic religion) to prepare for their Baptism into the religion, which would take place on the Easter Vigil. As time went on, the whole church joined in the preparation and penance for the renewal of their baptism, also celebrated on Easter.

During the Lent season much concentration is put on three things: prayer, alms, and fasting. In **prayer**, one hopes to strengthen his or her communications with God. **Alms** is a service to others which could be the giving of such things as money, time, or love. In **fasting**, one is withdrawn from something in order to focus on other things. It is the hope that this self-discipline will better people's relations with themselves, thus helping them to become more responsible to God and others.

Traditionally, the fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday includes one small meal. Throughout the Lent season one refrains from eating meat on Fridays as a kind of fasting. People of other religions also observe dietary traditions to remind them of the presence of God.

Before Vatican II, it was traditional that Catholics did not eat meat on Fridays throughout the year. More recently the Vatican is again encouraging Catholics to follow the tradition of eating no meat on Fridays to show the solidarity with the poor. It is also considered a very human way of sacrificing for Peace.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent season. It is a day for remembering our mortality. The ashes placed on the forehead are a reminder of death, and they come from the palms used on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. Starting from Ash Wednesday the priest and altar are dressed in purple, the symbolic color of penance and preparation. Also during this time there are no glories or alleluias (exclamations of joy or happiness) sung during the solemn time of Lent.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of holy week. Of the holy week is the **Triduum** (three days)

which are Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, the three most sacred days in the Catholic religion.

Holy Thursday is known as the mass of the lords supper commemorating the Last Supper. From the Last Supper we derived the symbolic meaning of the Bread and Wine. Also at the Last Supper was Jesus' symbolic action of washing the disciples' feet.

Good Friday is the only day of the year that there is no mass. It is the liturgy of the Lords' Passion or suffering and death. In the church everything is bare and no candles are lit.

Holy Saturday is the celebration of Baptism. It is the longest liturgy and includes many readings from the bible. This is the Easter Vigil, and at this time the catechumens are baptized.

Easter Sunday is the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. It marks the end of the Lent season and the beginnings of Pentecost. **Pentecost** begins on Easter and lasts for fifty days. It is a celebration of the mystery of Easter. It is a time of renewal in the church, and during this time the priest is dressed in white.

I hope this made things a little more clear for everyone. Thank you Campus Ministry for giving me some insightful background to share.

Ash Wednesday	February 28
Palm Sunday	April 8
Holy Thursday	April 12
Good Friday	April 13
Holy Saturday	April 14
Easter Sunday	April 15

New Committee Formed to Deal with Food Service Issues

By Mary Hodges

RHA recently added a new committee to address the concerns of the Mount community regarding the Food Service.

The aim of this Food Service Advisory Committee is to gather information from students, faculty, and administrators, determine the top issues of concern, and begin negotiations with Food Service on these issues.

The committee has been taking informal surveys in the dining hall

during meal times to gather opinions regarding the Food Service. It has also placed a Suggestion Box in the dining hall. The committee hopes that people of the Mount community will utilize this box to its fullest.

The committee also encourages concerned persons to come to meetings or to become a member. Committee members have been holding planning meetings and will announce the time and location of future general

forums.

Students, faculty, or administrators with complaints about the food may also contact any of the committee members. Committee members include Dorrie Conley, Melanie Bretz, Ursula Strehfens, Mary Hodges, and Karl Wolfe. These members can all be reached through their mail boxes. Any one wishing to join the Food Service Advisory Committee should contact one of the members.

MSMC WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT

By Jane Morgan

Canopied by a bright blue sky, Sister Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ, was inaugurated on March 15 as the 10th president of Mount St. Mary's College. Over 300 were in attendance to witness Kennelly's inauguration, where Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, chair of the Board of Trustees, performed the investiture, held at the college's Chalon campus in the traffic circle.

In her presidential address, Kennelly, who has been a trustee of the college since 1988, emphasized the "boldness and practicality" of the Mount's founding mothers, and how today's Mount graduates uphold that tradition of strength by becoming leaders in their fields and communities.

Proof of Kennelly's observation of the perseverance of Mount graduates is found in Mary McCullough, who, in 1968, served as student body president, and now serves as assistant principal for Torrance High School while working on a



Sister Karen Kennelly's inauguration

Ph.D. in education. McCullough, part of the inauguration ceremony's academic procession said, "I am struck by the number of graduates who are so successful, having both furthered their educations and advanced their careers."

Those in attendance included: marshalls of the college, who led the academic procession; past college presidents; alumnae delegates, Mount graduates from 1929 to 1989, many of whom

served as student body presidents; college platform representatives; faculty and administrators of the college; delegates from colleges and universities throughout the United States; regents of the college, including William H. Elliott, who spoke at the ceremony; such distinguished guests as Kathy Moret, President, Independent Colleges of Southern California, and Alexander Astin, Director, Higher Education Research Insti-

tute, UCLA; trustees of the college, including Carl A. Fisher, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles; Reverend Monsignor Sylvester Ryan, Mount St. Mary's College chaplain, who gave the final blessing; and Sister Catherine Marie Kreta, Provincial Superior, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who delivered the invocation. The Mount Chorus, directed by Frank Brownstead, provided the musical interlude.

EDUCATIONAL DIFFERENCES

By Margaret Skane

Tess Kalambacal, a student and resident at the Doheny campus, was not born in the United States. Rather, she was born and raised in the Philippines. At the age of twelve, she, her older sister and her parents moved here to the Los Angeles area. When interviewing her, she spoke of many differences between California schools and those in the Philippines.

Tess stated that many of the public as well as the private elementary and high schools require uniforms. What is even more amazing is that some of the colleges must do so as well. Can you imagine Mount St. Mary's students wearing uniforms instead of jeans and sweats?

In the school Tess attended, students in their junior year of high school were required to take ROTC classes. One particular school event that Tess remembers well is having to line up after lunch in order to be



Tess Kalambacal

inspected for neatness and cleanliness. Whoever was put in charge of his or her line had to check each student to make sure that his hair was brushed nicely, his teeth were clean and his fingernails were both clean and filed. If any of these conditions were not met, the student was slapped on both sides of hands with a ruler. This must have been awful, especially after lunch!

Tess also recalls that her school separated parts of the building according to class levels. The higher grades were considered special, so extra care and time was taken in cleaning their hallways. The younger children had to put rags on the bottom of their shoes when walking through the upper grades corridors. No shoe prints were allowed!

Even after all this, Tess stated that if she had a choice, she would move back to the Philippines.

Mandela! Mandela!

By Erica D. Anderson

"We declare our right on this earth to be a man, to be a human being, to be respected as a human being, to be given the rights of a human being in this society, on this earth in this day, which we intend to bring into existence BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY"

- Malcolm X

The man who is the essence of this idea is Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. He is the universal symbol of the struggle to end apartheid. Since his release from Victor Verster Prison, South African blacks have rejoiced awaiting Mandela's key issues: addressing the repeal of laws enforcing racial segregation and the demands for a majority rule. However, it is im-

portant to remember that his release from oppression is just a stepping stone towards the eradication of the immoral policy of apartheid that South African blacks have faced for twenty seven years.

Mandela was convicted in 1964 on charges of allegedly plotting to overthrow white minority rule. At the time Mandela was the leader of the African National Congress. He was offered freedom if he would denounce his struggle to release blacks from bondage and reduce his political movements. However, being a man of great integrity, Mandela refused and underwent a life imprisonment prison term for his "threaten-

ing" beliefs.

Mandela was not alone during his persecution. He was supported by his wife, Winifred Nomzamo Mandela. She, too, was dedicated to the fight against apartheid. When her husband was in bondage, she kept his memory and beliefs alive with the hope that South African blacks would protest for the release of their leader. Although much blood has been shed through protesting, South African blacks have continued the struggle. Many black youths have given their lives in hopes of making a future for South African generations to come.

Some people assume that South Africa's problem has come to an

end, but Mandela's release from prison is just one milestone towards a yet longer journey to freedom. Even though he has been oppressed, prison life has not decimated his thoughts or vigor regarding his people and this cause - our people!

He is a great man of conviction who, to the surprise of some, praised the South African President F.W. De Klerk for releasing him from prison. His heart was not hardened by his oppressors; rather, the experience has made him a stronger person. We can rejoice now; moreover, we must continue to demand justice and equality for South Africa, for it is the weapon of truth that shall set us all free!

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The Multicultural Committee

By Zolla Garcia

On Thursday, February 22, the new Multicultural Committee invited cultural club leaders and advisors from both campuses to Doheny for a meeting. The women on the committee are: Carla Bartlett, chairperson of the Education department; Sr. Kathleen Kelly, Dean of the Doheny campus; Gail Gressor, head of the Chalon Campus Ministry; Barbara Gutierrez, Alumnae, Head of Development for L.A.U.S.D.; Sharon Golub, a member of the Nursing department; and myself, Zolla Garcia, a Doheny student.

The committee originated from a group of Chalon students whose purpose was to create a group to promote multicultural awareness and pluralistic perspectives, surface needs, and to establish policies relative to diversity and diverse cultural values.

The committee plans to cover campus concerns regarding education and student development. So far the following concerns have arisen: cultural food, a sense of the separation between Chalon and Doheny students, teaching techniques tailored to the needs of different cultures, and racial cliques.

The committee has made significant progress since its first meeting. Currently it is looking at what the students want and expect of the Mount. Soon you will have the chance to voice your concerns and issues. All cultural issues are important to us and to the college. These issues do exist, so take advantage of the committee. The committee will be holding an open meeting for anyone who wishes to attend. Look to The View for further information.

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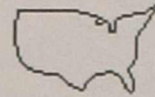
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OFF THE HILL



National



By Danise Callahan

Cool-Off Period for California

California state governor George Deukmajian has taken another stand in favor of stronger gun regulation. Having made gun registration a major issue in the gubernatorial race, the Republican chief executive has signed into law a Democrat-authored bill requiring a fifteen-day waiting period on the purchase of rifles and shotguns.

Ours is the first state to have enacted such a law, but proponents see this as a favorable step in clearing the way for federal legislation. The inevitable controversy was uncharacteristically mild, in contrast to the heated debates concerning the ban on military-style assault weapons imposed last year. Both camps agree, however, that this "common sense approach" (Deukmajian) will have a greater impact on the general population than the ban of the large numbers of citizens who purchase these weapons for sporting activities as well as home protection.

Case Strengthening for Hazelwood

The case against former Exxon Valdez captain Joseph Hazelwood appears to be weakening as investigations continue. The allegations regarding alcohol, reckless navigation, endangerment of the crew, and neglect of duty are serious, but seem to be based, to a great degree, on circumstantial evidence and judgment call situations.

Testimony states that the beers imbibed were of a low-alcohol nature and taken with a meal several hours before launch time. Navigational orders to increase speed to 16 knots (impact speed was 12 knots) through an area with reported floating glaciers were challenged, but records show that other ships in the area had followed a course similar to the Exxon Valdez, and at higher speeds, without incident.

Also, it has been stated that if his orders had been carried out as given, no problems would have resulted. Furthermore, Hazelwood prevented a panic situation by notifying the crew of the danger door-to-door, and his steering maneuvers after impact and his decision to keep the engines running were justified by the danger of capsizing or being moved off of the reef by the rising tide. In this case, neither was possible, but that could not be determined until a later investigation had been completed.

Racism Not Only Barrier

Efforts on the part of the Antelope Valley Union High School District to meet their Affirmative Action goals through recruitment of minority teachers have led them to seek out applicants across the Southwest and into the Deep South, along with California universities. Still, the attempt to match minority faculty percentages to minority student percentages may fail. The reason appears to be that the disproportionate number of minority drop-outs has resulted in few college graduates in the field of education, making matters tight.

Another reason is the requirement of prospective educators to pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test to prove proficiency. Only 35% of blacks and approximately 51% of Hispanics passed the test, while 80% of whites passed. A.V.U.H.S. has proposed salary incentive programs including stipends for bilingual teachers to attract those who are available, but the problems persist.

Michael Rossi, assistant superintendent of special services, stated "What we want are highly trained teachers. If we can get highly qualified

International



By Donna Burr

For those who thought L.A.'s air was bad...

Since the East opened its borders to the West, many startling facts have come to light. For example, in Budapest, Hungary, Westerners are now discovering the heinous environmental conditions present there. The air in Budapest is so filthy that there are special lung clinics. Hungarians can take a fifteen minute turn in a telephone-booth size closet where they can breathe fresh air. On a day when pollution is at its worst, one of these clinics may see as many as 180 people. Other Hungarians retreat to underground caves scattered across the country to breathe natural steam.

Scientists and doctors in Hungary think that as many as 10% of the deaths in their country are directly related to pollution. Even though conditions there are bad they believe that it is even worse in parts of Czechoslovakia, Poland and the German Democratic Republic.

These Eastern countries have strict environmental laws on the books, but they are not enforced. Pollution is believed to have been caused by outmoded technologies and through the use of cheap fuels. The air in Eastern European countries is polluted with more than 17 million tons of sulfur and large quantities of nitrogen oxide (from exhausts, lead, mercury, cadmium, zinc and copper) which have been linked to forest decline, genetic defect and cancer. So all of you who feel a little discouraged when trying to view L.A. on a smoggy day, just remember, it could be worse.

Will Hostages in Lebanon be released...?

Some believe so, including Iran's President, Hashemi Rafsanjani, who indicated that the issue of hostages "is moving towards a solution." These hostages, who have been held for as long as five years, include eight Americans and up to ten other foreigners held in Lebanon. Some American officials still feel pessimistic about the reality of the hostages being released. Obstacles include The Revolutionary Justice Organization (Shiite extremist captors) in Lebanon, who say they have no intention of releasing hostages.

News from down South...

Last month's elections in Nicaragua ended in surprise when Sandanista Daniel Ortega lost to Violeta Barrios de Chamorro. She will be officially inaugurated into office on April 25. Almost immediately after discovering they had lost, the Sandinista government began handing out guns to its supporters in the name of self-defense. These guns, which are Soviet designed AK-47 assault rifles and pistols, could prevent the new president from effectively taking control of the country.

The Sandinistas insist that these weapons are being closely monitored by the military and are aimed at protecting cities from U.S. backed Contras who might attack them. Sandinistas fear Chamorro and have dubbed her and her 14 party National Opposition Union (UNO) as "enemies of the poor." These people, who are still loyal to Daniel Ortega, are afraid that the Contras will take their land from them and see the guns as the only way to protect themselves and their homes.

teachers who are also minorities, then all the better...We may fall short of our Affirmative Action goals. But if we're lucky and find pockets of highly qualified candidates, we may exceed those goals."

LITERARY CORNER



UNIVERSAL OUTRAGE

By Dan Mejia

Water of life flowed from the
dark windows of humanity
for a soul was left in the cold,
dark and contradiction
Fires of Helen rumbled in verdent rampage
for a soul was left alone in rampant collision

The voice of heaven cried thunders,
broke down in lightning;
for a soul was left in torment, in agony and oblivion
The treaty of galaxies communed curses and threats
for a soul was warred by distant emotion

SOLITUDE

By Dan Mejia

along the realm of distant ventures
lies a withered memory;
dawned by bitter and dark emotions,
scarred by the intimate passion of love;
obsession crept into the night
and left me in endless solitude

The Dream That Stopped

By Racine King

Martin's dream has stopped for now, because of the African American adults who carry the hatred torch toward one another and their fellow brother, sister, and neighbor.

Martin's dream has stopped because white American adults still throw stones of hatred toward one another and their fellow brother, sister, and neighbor.

Martin's dream has stopped because of separation of separate nations.

Martin's dream has stopped because different religions throw the Bible at one another.

The Dream will begin when adults of all nationalities show love, understanding, and sharing with each other.

The Dream will begin when nations come under one nation.

The dream will begin when religions make amends to all people, by giving a helping hand.

Tennis at MSMC

By Kristin Wennerstrom

The tennis team has started the season with a new coach, Scott Smith. Smith lives in Hermosa and has coached at several private clubs in southern California and Colorado, and is presently coaching at a club in Hermosa as well as here at MSMC. Smith has been sectionally ranked in southern California in his age group for the last six years.

The team has had a tough schedule so far, losing two matches, forfeiting one, and being rained out of another, but they enjoy practicing and are continually improving. The difficulty in participating in sports at a school like MSMC is that many of the competitors give out sport scholarships, while the main focus here is academics, thus reserving sports as extracurricular activities only.

Smith is optimistic about the upcoming

best way to describe the team is that they're better than some and worse than others" and that "the girls really try hard".

Two members of the team, Amanda Noovao and Aimee Steffes, were recruited by Scott from the tennis class. When asked what she likes about being on the tennis team, Aimee said, "We all work well together; there is never any com-

petition between us." Daisy Guillermo, another member of the team, said, "It's fun working with people. We're wild and crazy!"

In addition to Steffes, Noovao, and Guillermo, the 1990 MSMC tennis team consists of Claudia Alfaro, Jana Cannavo, Jo Ann Damasco, Monica Gutierrez, Theresa Loughlin, Karla Marroquin, and Andrea Ortiz.



Smith, Cannavo, Alfaro, Damasco, Ortiz

LOOKING FOR A JOB THIS SUMMER?

CAMP COUSELORS WANTED...

The Los Angeles Zoo is offering both full-time and temporary positions for camp counselors this summer. Responsibilities include leading camp activities for children 6 - 11; nature walks, zoo tours, arts and craft activities, songs and games, etc. Each counselor is responsible for 8 - 10 children.

To qualify, you must have two summers worth of camp counselor experience or the equivalent. (Background in environmental education preferred.)

Employment ranges from July 2 to August 24, or July 2 to July 27. The hours are 8:00 - 4:00, Monday through Friday. The salary is \$275.00 per week. To apply, send resume and cover letter to: Glaza - Zoocamp, 5333 Zoo Drive, L.A. 90027

INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE...

Los Ninos, a non-profit, community development organization with projects along the Mexico/U.S. border, seeks applicants for its summer internship program. Interns teach summer-school classes in low-income Mexican communities, and take part in educational experiences concerning Mexico and the border region.

For an application and more information, write Los Ninos, 1330 Continental Street, San Ysidro, CA 92073. Phone (619) 661-6912.

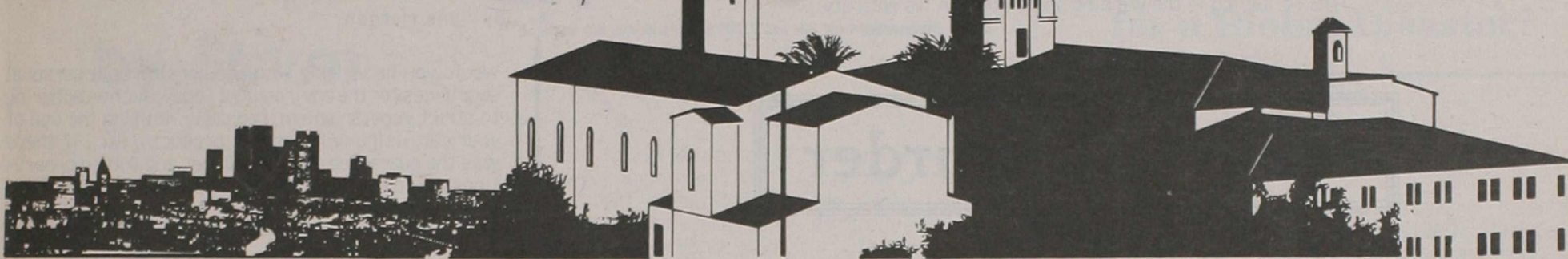
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Saluti dalla Svizzera

By Donna Burr

Diana Ivanisevic was born in Rijeka, Yugoslavia but moved with her family to Claro, Switzerland (in the Italian part of Switzerland). Therefore, she naturally speaks Yugoslavian and Italian, along with French and a little German. Her parents were both from Yugoslavia but they have all recently become Swiss citizens.

Her father is a doctor and has his own practice. Her mother is a housewife. She also has a younger sister who is 13. Her hobbies include tennis, ice skating, and swimming. She also loves to travel. She has been to Spain, Greece, Italy, Germany, Yugoslavia, Austria, the United States, and she would love to go to Australia.

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willing to help"

I asked her how, out of all the colleges in the United States, she managed to hear of Mount Saint Mary's. She told me that she visited the American Embassy and told them she wanted to go to school in California and ours was one of the names she was given. It took a lot of paperwork and a year before everything was processed but she finally received her student visa in order to attend school in the United States. She really loves it here and plans to stay for the next three years.

Diana is a Freshman at the Mount and is studying Business. She would eventually like to work in a bank or international company and put her languages to use at the same time.

When I asked Diana what she liked best about the United States she told me, "I like the people because they are so open and friendly and willing to help".

She also said she comes from a small town in Switzerland and she likes Los Angeles because it is so much bigger. "You are more free because in a small town everyone knows you and everything you do, whereas in a bigger town you are free to do what you want." She also enjoys it here because there is so much to do. She loves to go shopping and go to the movies or out to eat.

There are, of course, some differences between the U.S. and Europe. For instance, Diana is not used to the drinking age. "In Switzerland the drinking age is 18, but nobody really checks." She finds this limiting because, as we all know, unless you are 21 it is difficult to get into most nightclubs and other places.

She also told me that the attitude in regard to alcohol is quite different here in comparison to Europe.

Another difference is in the way some people dress here. In Europe it is more conservative and, unlike the United States, Europeans don't wear jeans or casual clothes such as sweats when they go out in public.

American guys are also different. In Europe, Diana had a lot of guy friends, much like girlfriends, but here that kind of relationship is hard to find because guys seem to be more serious.

One interesting and often infuriating difference is the way Americans greet people. Most people here will walk by and say, "Hi, how are you?" which simply means, "Hi". To someone from Europe it means, "Hi, how are you?" and requires an answer. So it was a little weird in the beginning when Diana responded because the person was already walking by and gave her a puzzled look.

School is also different, especially in regard to the student-teacher relationship. Here the teachers

seem more willing to help and answer questions and they are more available to the students.

In Switzerland the teachers simply teach and it is up to the student to do the homework, study and understand the material. There is also more of a professional distance between the teacher and students.

I asked Diana what she missed most and she said, "My friends, discos, cafes, and chocolate."

(For those of you who have tried Swiss chocolate I am sure you will agree that there is no chocolate better than that made in Switzerland).

She also doesn't like the news coverage in the United States because it doesn't cover Europe, only the big events.

One of her idols is Bruce Springsteen. She says that "some of his songs have good messages in them, especially the ones that deal with the blue-collar workers."

I also talked to her about the situation in Eastern Europe and her thoughts on the events that have been occurring there over the past five months. She believes that overall the events have been for the best. With the opening of the Western nations to the East she believes it will benefit the poor Eastern countries.

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In regard to Romania she says, "It is sad how reform had to be accomplished. But with Ceaucescu gone the life of the Romanian citizens will improve." When asked how she felt about the reunification of Germany, Diana stated that she believes that this is not a good idea because it means there will be one strong country in the middle of Europe and the last time this happened there were tragic consequences.

The last question I asked Diana was what her advice would be to students traveling or planning to go to school abroad. Her answer was that "The mentality in Europe is quite different from that in California so be open and willing to accept new things." She believes it is important for everyone to travel to different countries and be exposed to new people and cultures.

I think we are very lucky to have Diana attending the Mount, for it proves just how diverse we really are. It is also important to make everyone feel welcome, especially because Diana along with some other students are a long way from home. So when you see her please make sure to say, "Hi, how are you?" and welcome her to our little community.



Diana Ivanisevic

WINNER! WINNER! WINNER! WINNER! WINNER! WINNER!

Congratulations to the winners of the Short Story Essay Contest:

Kim Robley, 1st Place
Mary Beth Hamada, 2nd Place
Deborah Shelton, 3rd Place

We also wish to thank all the participants who submitted stories.

The following is the winning short story in its entirety.

Mount St. Murder

By Kim Robley

An early morning mist still drifted low on the hills as Officer Perry turned his car onto Chalon Road. The smell of damp pines, and the crisp woody scent of the outdoors belied the reality of what awaited him atop the Mount. The fog still danced along the windshield as the sun cast its first lights across the horizon. He muttered to himself over and over, attempting to understand the events which had been relayed to him that morning, which were all still quite fuzzy.

As he rounded the curve up to the circle, he noted the peacefulness of the surroundings, as if no disruption could ever upset this balanced tranquility. He pulled the squad car around to the library and stopped. A tall woman dressed in a black habit, with a somber expression appeared on the front steps, and motioned for him to accompany her. Her mood was serious as she introduced herself, and she said very little as she led him rapidly up the steps.

"Everyone is behind the chapel," she murmured. "We didn't touch anything! We weren't sure what to do, nothing like this has ever happened here before!"

She led Officer Perry to a garden beside the chapel, where a small group of Sisters were joined in prayer. They parted the way as they saw him approach, and it was then that he saw, lying crumpled and red under a rosebush, the body of a young girl.

He examined her closely and immediately noted the deep scratches on her arms and neck. Her blue sweats were ripped along her legs and back, in long tears and stained with crimson. Her blonde hair was matted with dead leaves and wet from the morning dew. It appeared that she had been brutalized by a wild animal, yet the appearance of the attack seemed strangely unnatural, almost evil.

The sun was shining brightly overhead by the time the coroner's van, and the last of the police cars, was leaving. Officer Perry remained behind, surveying the area. He gazed skyward, and as he did so he saw the moon, pale against the blue sky, round and full. He then remembered that the last night had been a full moon. Pensively, he returned to his car, and called the station.

"Sargent O'Connell's office please...Ray? This is Joe Perry. We have a very strange case of a possible animal attack here! The victim has large bites on her body, almost like a bear or wolf attack! Can you do me a favor, and let me know if there have been any disappearances, or strange occurrences in this area? Thanks, Ray, I'll call you back."

Officer Perry spent the rest of the afternoon speaking to the instructors and a few friends of the deceased student. He gathered that she was a solitary individual, and enjoyed taking long walks at night. At 4:00 p.m. he called the station and asked for Sgt. O'Connell. The Sargent came on the phone with a very excited tone in his voice.

"Joel I found something for you! In the last three months, there have been four disappearances in the U.C.L.A. area, and a woman's body was found in a back alley last month, who had disappeared from the Brentwood area! She had large bites all over her body!"

Officer Perry grimaced. "Thanks, Ray, I'll get back with you."

He sat back in the seat, and contemplated the situation. He then got out of his car and began to walk toward the Administration building to the Office of the President.

Evening fell and the lights of the city began to blink on one by one. The air was cool with a slight chill brushing the wind. A mysterious fog began to move across the hills, enshrouding the Mount in ghostly shadows. Officer Perry sat in his car, waiting for the moon to reveal itself. He began to drift off in his exhaustion, and thoughts of sleep teased his aching mind.

He was suddenly jolted awake. The hills were now clothed in darkness, and slowly the fog crept into the deepest

shadows. The lawns were tipped in silver from the light of the glowing moon overhead. Perry stepped from his car, put on his holster, and then shut and locked his door.

It was going to be a long night, yet he was glad the President had agreed with his decision to stay. The campus was quiet and deserted, and only a few, faint voices could be heard echoing from the doors. Sgt. Perry began his rounds of the long vigil which awaited him. Forty-five minutes passed before the tranquil scene was cut by a loud scream. Perry froze, and listened. Another cry answered it, and another, and Perry then realized its source. The sound came from the wild dogs which lived in the hills. As he listened, however, the voices seemed to change and become almost savage, hungry for something!

Suddenly, as Perry stood silent, he spotted a figure dressed in black leaving the dormitory, and he watched her walk toward the tennis courts. Disgusted with her lack of caution, Perry followed her, determined to put a scare into her of the dangers of the night. She vanished into the fog, and Perry began to run, pulled by some unseen force. She reappeared for an instant behind the sports complex, and Perry ran faster. She dashed behind the Sisters' home, and quickly up the stairs toward the top of the Mount.

Perry followed her rapidly, but when he reached the head of the stairs, she had disappeared. The screaming in the fog was louder than ever, and Perry could feel the wet mist on his face. He was not sure if it was the fog or his own sweat.

Suddenly, it was silent all around him, an almost eerie quiet. He peered into the mist, and saw the figure in black standing before him. He approached her slowly, moving his hand down toward his gun. The cloak fell back to reveal the face of a girl, with long black hair. Her eyes gleamed red, and she snarled at him revealing a full jaw of growing fangs. She stretched her hands outward which were lengthening, and splitting her nails into claws.

Her body began to convulse as her bones cracked, straining against her skin which was covered with silver fur. She raised her swelling head toward the moon, and let out a wailing howl, her mouth stretching, and muscles rippling as she took the shape of a wolf. Perry stood frozen taking in the whole scene, then found his senses, and began to back away. The werewolf turned toward him, and snapped, baring its salivating jaws at him. It leaped at him with a wild scream, and a loud gunshot crashed through the air.

Perry fell to the ground grabbing at a large gash on his right arm. The werewolf was stunned by the shot only for a moment, and then stood up on its back legs towering over eight feet tall. Perry jumped up, tripped, and rolled down the hill to the pavement. He began to run with all his might toward the dorms. He could feel the hot breath on the back of his neck, and the howling filled his ears. He tried to scream but his throat was hollow. The fog closed in around him as he reached the pool, and before him he could barely see the back door of the chapel. He stumbled past the trees up to the door, and grabbed the handle with all his might!

It was a gorgeous sunrise on the Mount that morning. The birds began to awaken, and the dew still glittered on the freshly planted lawn. The air was crisp, and the wind gently kissed the hair of the jogger coming up the hill. She ran as fast she could up to the parking lot, and then paused at the steps of the sacristy, bending over to catch her breath.

At that moment, she noticed a slight discoloration of the pavement, and on the top step, something small sparkled in the sun. She reached down, and saw that it was a polished lead bullet. She picked it up, tossed back her long, black hair, and smiled at it, revealing a large set of picture perfect teeth! She then put it in her pocket, and jogged off to the cafeteria to get some breakfast, still smiling to herself with the sunny thought, "It's a wonderful time to be alive!"

Viewpoint

By Jane Morgan

Would you be willing to make considerable personal sacrifices for the environment today, such as adhering to strict vegetarianism, radically limiting the use of your car, using only organic products, etc., if there was the guarantee that our planet and future generations would live substantially healthier lives for an undetermined length of time?



Sharon Kirk, Sophomore

"I think so. I try to be environmentally responsible now, but it's difficult. Living in a way that is completely responsible to the environment takes a concerted effort. Environmentalism is a full-time commitment — something you've really got to put your heart and mind to."



Katherine Chrisman, Junior

"Absolutely. There is nothing more important to me than family — mine now, and the family that will one day be my own. I know that my lifestyle today will have an effect upon future generations, so I try to live in such a way that will benefit them."



Cory Lynch, Senior

"For ethical reasons I'd say yes, I would; but personally, I don't really want to stop driving my car and drinking milk, for instance, so I don't know for sure! It's not that I think people can't be happy without life's luxuries, but I know, for example, how much simpler and easier disposable products make my life. Considering future generations, I suppose I would have to say that I would make an effort to change — but not easily, and not without the thought that my happiness on earth today might be seriously jeopardized."

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Joel Takes the Nation by Storm

By Mary Hodges

Billy Joel is a truly American artist. His music speaks out to Americans of all ages because it looks forward to the future as well as back toward the past.

Attending Joel's recent Storm Front Tour concert at the L.A. Sports Arena were people ranging from young teenagers to older adults. Both young and old recognize Joel for the spectacular musician that he is as well as, I think, for the artist.

As an artist, Joel works masterfully in his medium of traditional and modern sounds which speak to the audience and create sensations: sensations of optimism and nostalgia. Joel's tunes are reminiscent of blues and jazz and an America gone by. Songs such as "Allentown" and "Downeaster Alexa" strike a pang of nostalgia in my heart as Joel echoes the pains of change effecting the lives of many Americans.

"Allentown" is about unemployed steel workers and "Downeaster Alexa," from his new album, speaks of a way of life of East Coast fishermen that is passing away into memory. Even without experiencing the hardship these songs relate, it is possible to feel the pain these people must be experiencing. They are no longer able to live the life they know.

During his concert, Joel's back-up singer plaintively wailed the "ya-yo" cry of "Downeaster Alexa," echoing the feelings of futility and despair that comes with the knowledge that "there ain't much future for a man who works the seas." This song expresses both the feeling of a loss of a man as well as the loss of a past America for us all.

Billy Joel's blending of traditional and modern instruments contributes to a mood of nostalgia. Joel is one of a disappearing kind of musician who still makes music on the piano. The Storm Front concert also featured a guest violinist, and during one song Joel could be seen playing the accordion. Joel's use of traditional instruments is a refreshing change from the electric sounds of today, and it made me long for an all-American feeling that seems to be fading away.

Yet Joel's music is hardly a dirge for better yesterdays. His appeal is related also to his optimism for the future. His music faces the future without forgetting a sense of regret for the lost past, giving us hope for a better America to come.

Joel gives us hope for correcting the mistakes and heartbreaks of both the past and the present, like "Ho Chi Minh," "Little Rock," "Sally Ride," and "hypodermics on the shore." These items in Joel's chronological recap of the last four decades in "We Didn't Start the Fire" are issues which Americans must deal with, but they are not things which we cannot overcome.

Maria Avila Takes the Lead

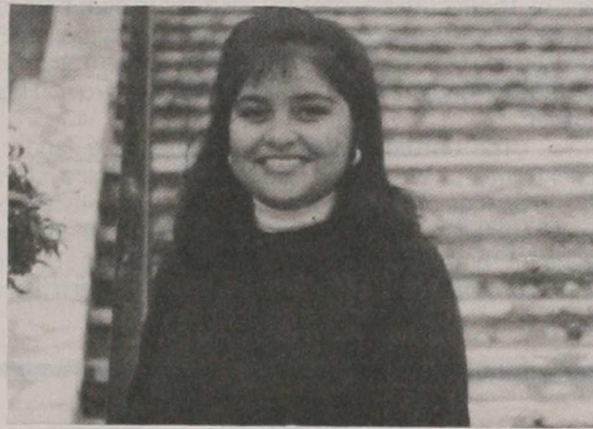
By Wendy Nobles

Maria Avila, our newly appointed ASB President, is currently a Junior Psychology major. She is from Huntington Park, California. She enjoys playing volleyball, hiking, and swimming in her spare time along with spending time with her friends.

She describes herself as outgoing and sort of

conference with the hope that they will return with new ideas for new and different events.

She feels that students are tired of reoccurring events and are not challenged by new things that are aimed to get their attention. "She would like to see the interest of the student body accelerate next



Maria Avila

spontaneous and is often described by others as being organized and friendly.

Her new job as President will add to the list of extra-curricular activities which already include Kappa Delta Chi, Mount Singers and Mount Chorus, ASB and the Leadership Program.

Maria's goals for her office term are to send her officers to the NACA

year.

In an interview she stated, "Go for it - there's no limitation." Maria says she is serious about her objective to serve the Mount students. She hopes that students will not hesitate to approach her any time to discuss any concerns or ideas they might have.

In the opinion of this reporter, students should keep an eye out for this new ASB President.

Is the Earth Heading for a Global Disaster?

By Erica D. Henderson

The Soviet Union's Chernobyl disaster, Switzerland's Rhine River chemical spill, Alaska's oil spill, and California's air pollution and Malathion spraying: these are only a few of the well-known environmental hazards that prey our planet.

Every day on each hour we are informed about catastrophes through television, radio and newspapers. Most of us are usually concerned and hope that Mother Nature will heal her wounds.

In opposition, the ecology takes several years to repair its damaged waterways, animals, vegetation and human lives. This results in hazardous aftermaths that somehow "magically" disappear. To our dismay, however, several years later terrible outcomes of incurable diseases, vast destruction and untimely deaths occur.

The United States has several governmental organizations to assist in the resolution of these problems. One of the most prominent is the Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.). This agency exerts power to pass laws and acts to protect nature's rights.

In doing this the E.P.A., either through fines or imprisonment, punish persons and companies responsible for threatening the environment.

Not only does the government show concern, but citizens and activist groups band together to protect nature from careless persons. Many of them protest, hoping others will get involved in the fight to save the Earth.

The destruction of the Earth is a consequence we might face if we continue to be irresponsible. Wildlife, land, water and food are resources we cannot always repair. In order to preserve our resources, we have to conserve and protect both the people's and nature's best interest. We must take precautions to keep from polluting the air and water. In addition, we must show respect toward the land by discarding trash in its proper place.

Are we going to sit around while the Earth erodes away? Are we going to watch animals slowly deteriorate, leaving behind the chance of having a slim future of offsprings? Must we continue to breathe unfit air and eat contaminated food?

If the answers to these questions are no, then we are obligated to protect our world. We cannot idly rely on others to save the environment for future generations to enjoy. It is our duty to ensure a better and safer world for all to live in.

Joel balances a longing for the way things used to be with a shove towards facing a bright and changing future. He shows the hope he places in the future with the last verse of his song, "Leningrad", which is about a Soviet citizen named Victor. This song is so overflowing with emotion and hope that it makes my eyes well with tears for although "cold war kids were hard to kill," he sings:

and so my child and I came to this place
To meet him eye to eye and face to face.
He made my daughter laugh, then we embraced
We never knew what friends we had
Until we came to Leningrad.

Say Goodbye to Hollywood



To our little Bostonian, a toast,
Who came to us from the East coast.
We are so glad you came.
Since then it's never been the same.

Take care, my dear,
And never fear -

The bird may fly at midnight,
But your second home will always be here --
All right?



Love,
Donna, Ali, Ann,
Ann-Marie, Michelle,
Theresa, Wendy

Editorial...

By Eneđina Brambila

A family comes to the United States of America, the land of hope and achievement. They hear of this land where hard work and efforts will get one a better life, where there is no discrimination. They come prepared to work as hard as they have worked in their own land, or harder if needed, with hope to achieve a better living standard.

They bring with them their culture and their language as part of their own beings. Little do they know that their language is a barrier in the United States. They are deceived that the United States is a glorious land. The beautiful image of the United States of America can very possibly be true for English speaking Americans, but for immigrants it is a whole different story.

As immigrants settle in the United States of America, they face the difficulty of not being able to communicate. They are taken advantage of frequently because of their lack of understanding English. They are often abused by being underpaid and mistreated on the job, and business people often engage them into contracts where they end up losing the little they have. These people live this way because they don't understand what is going on around them.

The children of these families, who grow up here, experience discrimination in similar ways, but they are often more aware of it, because they know that they don't have to live with it. These children are the rebels, the ones who fight back. The fight is a heavy challenge for these children who have now grown to be adults.

One of the challenges they face is "English Only." "English Only" is meant to make English the official language of the United States of America. The official English is a language of discrimination. Why? Because many different languages are spoken in the United States and many people cannot speak and understand English well enough.

The question now is "why don't they learn to speak English?" They are trying to but it's hard to learn anything when you are being taught in a language you cannot comprehend. People should be taught in their native languages until they are able to understand English well enough to keep up.

The official English is a language of discrimination also because immigrants should be given an opportunity to keep and enforce their native language. English should be one of their languages, but their native language should also stay with them because it's part of their culture, history, and their own beings. Making people abandon their native language and get accustomed to a new one is like making a child abandon her mother and make her call an unknown woman her mother.

The United States of America is a land of opportunities. We should live up to that. The system should be free of any discrimination such as language discrimination. People should be able to share the beauty of their language with other people in the United States of America. This way we could all learn more about one another.

A Protest in Nevada

The following letter is being printed at the request of Sister Karen, who thought it would be beneficial for students to read. It provides insight into one of Campus Ministry's recent activities.

Dear Sr. Karen,

It was so nice sitting next to you during the scholarship luncheon yesterday. Since it wasn't the appropriate time to discuss nuclear weapons and our activities over the past weekend, I'll take the opportunity in this letter to tell you.

The donation from you and Ellen Neiman made it possible for Lisa Martin, Brenda Zozaya and myself to make the trip to Nevada to protest the testing of nuclear weapons and to reclaim the Shoshone Indians' land.

We left L.A. Friday night and arrived at Peace Camp at 3:00 a.m. I was awakened at 5:00 a.m. by the drums of Buddhist monks. Knowing the prayer circle was starting, I got up and joined. About sixty activists were gathered holding hands while the Shoshone did their traditional prayers. Anyone could stand in the circle and pray, and some people sang peace songs. It was really beautiful.

At 10:00 a.m. there was a rally and they told us what was planned for the day's action. When the rally ended we proceeded to walk two and one-half miles, with approximately two thousand other activists, in a straight line to the main entrance of the test sight.

Out of respect to the Shoshone, the activists stood aside and let them proceed down the middle to the crossing in order to be the first that day to be arrested. Since this is a non-violent action, there are no weapons, fighting or verbal abuse of any kind.

We shortly followed the Shoshone, holding hands with about twenty others. Showing unity, we crossed the line. (Due to the number of arrests, there are only non-enforceable citations given.)

The feeling of being united with all our brothers and sisters of the world trying to make a better place is one that I cannot put into words. I know everyone can help in their own way, just like you have, and we can make a difference. The people united will never be defeated.

Thank you and God bless,

Laura D'Antoni



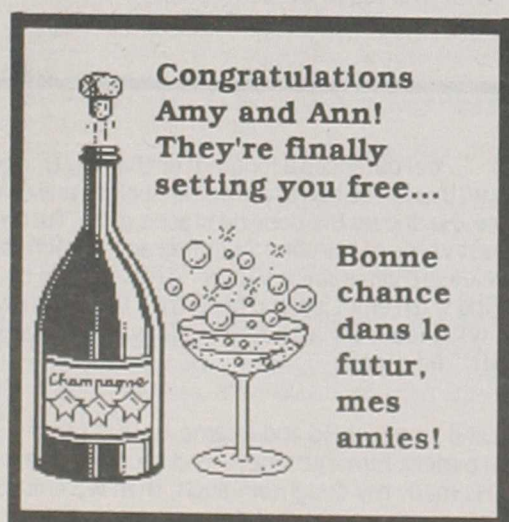
Laura D'Antoni, Sophomore
"Yes, totally. I try to protect the environment right now... I've been a vegetarian for three years, and use only natural products. I feel that it's important to stay aware of potential dangers to this earth, and to live a life that is only beneficial to it."



Edith Arguillas, Senior
"I would be willing to make some sacrifices, but I'd have to look at the quality of my life. That's the question. The limit to what I'd sacrifice for the environment relates directly to the steps I'd actually have to take, and how my happiness would be affected because of them. I would agree to live a simpler life if it didn't make me totally unhappy."



Andee Husney, Sophomore
"Definitely. I've been a vegetarian for nine years... Nature gave me life. I couldn't very easily live with myself knowing that my carelessness had been the cause of its death. Destroying the earth is like killing your mother. I don't think that sacrifices made for the environment are really sacrifices at all."



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